Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development

Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 6:30 pm

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Meeting Minutes

* Welcome/Introductions
  + Meeting was opened by Chair John Tinpe
  + Commissioners offered introductions. In attendance
    - MOAPIA Staff: Ben de Guzman, James Yu
    - COAPIA: Ben Takai, Dana Tai Soon Burgess, Ronak Desai, Karen Kwok, John Tinpe, Bruce Leal, Sina Uipi, Niranjan Adhikari, Elena Son
* Director’s Report, Director Ben de Guzman, MOAPIA.
  + Director de Guzman briefed the Commission on MOAPIA activities.
    - Director de Guzman highlighted MOAPIA’s translation and semination of essential information to the District’s AAPI community regarding the city’s recovery efforts into Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese.
  + Commissioner Adhikari asked about the Bridge Fund and the short application period surrounding it
* COVID-19
  + Director de Guzman highlighted the changes in the vaccine distribution system that will take effect in March.
  + Information Officer Yu described the latest updates to the vaccine distribution schedule and eligibility of various individuals.
  + Chair Tinpe asked about outreach to the expanded populations eligible for vaccination.
* Sub-Committee “Equity Report”
  + Commissioner Leal presented to the subcommittee on the history of equity initiatives.
  + Commissioner Leal discussed statehood and voting rights issues in Guam and Pacific Island territories in the US as racial equity issues in light of DC’s push of gaining statehood in the incoming Biden Administration.
* AAPI Heritage Month
  + Director de Guzman announced that the AAPI heritage month events will all be virtual.
  + Information Officer Yu said all honorees will be announced via social media.
* Miscellaneous
  + Chair Tinpe and Director de Guzman discussed the rise in hate crimes against the AAPI community.
  + Commissioner Uipi stressed the specific issues around racist rhetoric surrounding the PI/NH community and COVID-19

Meeting Adjournment

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Questions:

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