Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development

Wednesday, January 13, 2020, 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, Tiffany Hsieh, Jennifer Hara, Karen Kwok, Elena Son, John Tinpe, Bruce Leal
* Director’s Report, Director Ben de Guzman, MOAPIA.
  + Director de Guzman briefed the Commission on MOAPIA activities.
    - Director de Guzman underlined the Mayor’s request for DC residents to stay home and the heightened security in preparation for the inauguration.
    - Vice-Chair Takai asked about communications to the community being publicly available. Information Officer James Yu said that all communications will come through the Mayor’s Office and be shared through MOAPIA’s social media platform and DC Governments wireless emergency alert.
* COVID-19
  + Commissioner Kwok outlined the various studies that she was privy to and the various organizations such as AARP that have shown interest in participating.
  + Vice Commissioner Takai highlighted several issues surrounding getting vaccine doses into the arms of DC residents including cultural issues, mistrust of government. He also discussed differences between CDC guidance and local guidelines surrounding vaccine distribution.
* Miscellaneous
  + 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.
  + Director de Guzman provided an update that Monica Palacio, the former Director of the Office of Human Rights has returned to this role.
  + Commissioner Leal shared that he saw a report from the White House AAPI office and suggested we could use that as a model for any report on MOAPIA progress. He indicated that he would share this with the Commission.

Meeting Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 6:30 pm

Questions:

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