Washington DC 6:30pm

November 17, 2021

1. Call to Order (2 minutes)
2. Introduction of Commissioners (2 minutes)
3. Quorum (2 minutes)
4. Approval of Agenda (2 minutes)
5. Special Guest: Dr. Amber Hewitt, Director, Office of Racial Equity (15 minutes)
   1. Presentation
   2. Q&A
6. Executive Reports and Business Items (15 minutes total)
7. Director’s Report, Ben de Guzman, MOAPIA
8. MOAPIA updates
9. Sub-Committee updates (15 minutes)
10. Racial Equity Task Force Report
11. Pacific Islander Task Force
12. Miscellaneous Items (15 minutes)
13. Meeting Adjournment

**Call to Order**

John Tinpe called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM

**Introduction of Commissioners and Quorum** – quorum was not present.

Commissioners In Attendance

John Tinpe

Ben Takai (by phone)

Jennifer Hara (by phone)

Niranjan Adhikari

Ronak Desai (by phone)

Karen Kwok (by phone)

MOAPIA Staff in Attendance

Ben de Guzman, Director

Robert Topenio, Public Information Officer

Guests

Dr. Amber Hewitt, Director, Office of Racial Equity

**Presentation by Director Hewitt**

Director Hewitt gave a presentation to the commission about current activities and tools, including the implementation and reporting on the REACH Act.

Chair Tinpe mentioned about the lack of AAPI representation in District government. Commissioner Kwok shared her work in the healthcare space and asked to share more offline.

Director Hewitt shared they are developing a better community engagement guide. They are currently in a listening phase. She would be happy to receive additional feedback and information from the Commission. They are developing a health equity summit on December 9, 2021 with the DC Office of Health Equity. They are still working on the invite list for community leaders and organizations.

The Office is also working with OCTO on better data collection. The Commission should let the Office know how they can do better. Ben Takai asked which DC Government agencies are sharing this information and volunteered to help in this initiative.

**Executive Reports and Business Items**

Ben highlighted the mask mandate being lifted next week and the inclusion of children ages 5-11 are eligible to be vaccinated. The MOAPIA has been working all over the city to help with this effort to get our children vaccinated. Ben also some event related items from the Director’s Report.

Holiday Toy Drive: The date is December 10. The location will be the Chinatown church.

Also, two other events, the 50th Anniversary of the Filipino Nurses Association and another vaccination clinic.

Ben also welcomed Robert to the CAPIA Office.

John Tinpe asked for additional clarification on the FNA Gala.

**Task Force Updates**

* Racial Equity – As Director Ben mentioned, the Task Force has developed nine key points that he will share with Director Hewitt. He also proposed a meeting before the end of December.
* Pacific Islander – This Task Force has been meeting regularly and Sinia is the only Commissioner currently that is Pacific Islander. They are rescheduling their meetings and the COVID-19 data is important to share.
* Health – There is a lot of work to do here and important to revive this task force.

John Tinpe asked about 2022 activities, including the Lunar New Year parade. Of note, the Wah Luck house turns 40 in 2022 and also the CAPIA office is looking for a way to honor Alfred Liu, who died this past summer.

The next meeting is Wednesday, December 15.

Move to Adjourn: John Tinpe

Adjourned 7:30 pm