Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development

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Agenda

* Welcome/Introductions
  + Meeting was opened by Chair John Tinpe
  + Commissioners offered introductions. In attendance
    - MOAPIA: Ben de Guzman, James Yu
    - COAPIA : John Tinpe, Ben Takai, Dana Tai Soon Burgess, Bruce Leal, Elena Son, Ronak Desai, Jennifer Hara, Niranjan Adhikari, Karen Kwok, Tiffany Hsieh
* Director’s Report, Director de Guzman, MOAPIA
  + **COVID-19**
    - Director de Guzman provided an update about MOAPIA’s work regarding the Mayor’s and District’s COVID-19 response
    - Commissioner Takai answered commissioner questions regarding the District’s COVID-19 response
  + **FY 2021 AAPI Community Grant**
    - Director de Guzman announced MOAPIA accepted 20 grant applications for the FY 2021 Asian American and Pacific American (AAPI) Community Grant from qualified Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) providing direct services to the District’s AAPI community
  + **2020 Census**
    - Director de Guzman provided an update on the District’s 2020 Census response and MOAPIA activities to promote and support Census outreach
    - Director de Guzman outlined future MOAPIA Census outreach plans
  + **DC Arts and Humanities Outreach**
    - Director de Guzman spoke about the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities and the Chinatown Friendship Arch renovation project.
* Task Force Updates
  + **Racial Equity**
    - Commissioner Leal described the need for more information from commissioners that attended the first equity report meeting and the need to prioritize goals for any report produced. Commissioner Leal also discussed the survey monkey to asses commissioners interest and background in different subject matter areas.
      * Commissioners discussed the best way to form a baseline for this report including being able to asses the size of the NHPI community in DC through census information and being able to effectively engage the NHPI community to determine community needs and concerns. The 35th anniversary of the Commission in 2021 was also discussed.
      * Director de Guzman offered that a way to think about the items under discussion can be in three distinct (but related) buckets- 1) the annual CAPIA report as appears in the bylaws; 2) discussions about equity, related to the pending legislation before the DC City Council and as articulated by CAPIA members; and 3) CAPIA’s 35th anniversary in FY2021.
      * The Commissioners discussed priorities that the report might include, and under what auspices a report might be produced.
      * The Commissioners were unable to come up with definitive next steps for the equity report and will work in conjunction with Commissioner Leal and Director de Guzman to outline those next steps

Meeting Adjournment

Questions:

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