

**DC Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs**  
**November Commission Meeting Notes**  
**January 17, 2017 from 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM**

- **Welcome/Introductions**
  - Meeting was opened by Chair John Tinpe
  - Chair Tinpe introduced each Commissioner present. In attendance:
    - CAPIA
      - Martha Watanabe; Ben Takai; Sapna Padya, Kishan Putta, Karissa Mariko-Barnett; and Meina Banh. On the phone -- Greg Cendana, Ronak Desai
    - MOAPIA
      - David Do and Phuong Nguyen
    - MOCA
      - Charlotte Flournoy
    - Guests
      - Mary Jo Vazquez, Gabriela Martinez, Avery Gollinge and Juan Jose Callejas, the District of Columbia Prevention Center
- **Guest Speaker**
  - Staff from the District of Columbia Prevention Center offered an overview of the work that their organization engages in and presented discussion questions to Commissioners regarding the prevalence of drug use and alcohol abuse in the AAPI community.
- **Updates from MOAPIA**
  - Director Do provided updates regarding the new Immigrant Justice Legal Services grant program, upcoming Lunar New Year activities and the disbursement of grant funds to FY17 grantees.
- **Commissioner Items**
  - MPD
    - Chair Tinpe provided an update about the meeting with Deputy Mayor Kevin Donahue.
  - Zoning, Public Space and Historic Preservation Review Board
    - Chair Tinpe reported that there is an application for zoning adjustment: 613-617 H St NW (Lot 43, 804, 805 and a portion of public alley adjacent to the building to be closed in Square 453).
    - Chair Tinpe announced that the Historic Preservation Review Board is proposing to preserve a few historic buildings/landmarks in Chinatown in order to extend the boundary for the Downtown Historic District.
  - Language Access and Cultural Sensitivity
    - Vice Chair Padya shared information about the Sanctuary DC: Immigrant Community Speak Out event on January 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - Museum Square
    - Vice Chair Padya informed the Commission that MLOV is in the process of training youth to be organizers and work with Museum Square to address tenant's concerns.
- **Next Commission Meeting:** February 21, 2017 at 6:30 pm