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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 4:30pm

McCormack Building, One Ashburton Place, 12th floor

Absent Commissioners are highlighted and remote participants are indicated by an asterisk*. Quorum was reached by attendance.

Item #1: Accepted 10/12/2016 and 11/9/2016 meeting minutes

Item #2: Executive Director (ED) Monthly Report – Bora

November 14: Meeting with Attorney General's Office

November 17: Attended reception dinner honoring Treasurer Deb Goldberg

November 28: Eastern Bank meeting: Small Business Entrepreneurs

December 1: Attorney General's office and Governor's office meetings

December 8: Meeting with Rep. Rady Mom and Representative from Cambodia

December 13: Meeting with Quyen Dinh, Executive Director of SEARAC in Washington, DC

Item #3: Written Executive Committee Report – Elisa

Please refer to the written Executive Committee report submitted by Elisa Choi

Item #4: Debrief of meeting with Governor's office and Attorney General's office

- We spoke with the Director of Boards/Commissions – very positive meeting!
 - Our goal was to speak with the Governor's office about commissioner appointees
 - They will also ask for our opinions and/or recommendations for other Boards and Commissions with AAPI representations
- We also spoke with the Attorney General's Office regarding commission appointees
 - They were impressed with our Commission

Item #5: 2017 Unity Dinner planning subcommittee:

- Tickets will be \$120 (or \$100 early-bird discount), sponsorship table (of 10) will be \$1000
- Extensive discussion regarding who to choose for the keynote speaker: Supreme Court Justice Fernande R. V. Duffly and Franklin Oto, Tenured professor at Amherst College
- The planning committee will explore hiring fund raising consultant

Item #6: Discussion of election for Executive Committee

- Will send out descriptions for different positions

Item #7: Commissioner applications / Commissioner re-appointment updates

Discussed in Item #4

Item #8: Subcommittee Updates:

PR/Legislation – (Evelyn, Chair)



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Finance/Admin – (Wingkay, Chair)

- Discussed putting a new policy for commissioner attendance at the monthly meetings and commissioner participation at events
- Wingkay will write up a proposal to be submitted to the Executive Committee for voting

Program – Health and Human Services (Elisa, Chair)

Program – Young Leaders Symposium (Chris, Chair)

Program – Economic Development (Gilbert, Chair)

- We are collaborating on an upcoming Financial Education Program with the Treasurer's Office of Economic Empowerment, Women Empowerment Series
- We are tasked with finding a Mandarin-speaking speakers who can give a PowerPoint presentations in Mandarin for the January 18 event

Item #9: Old Business: Planning for Commissioner Appreciation Event

- Event will be held during the next Commissioner meeting on January 11 2017 @ 5:30pm

Item #10: New Business:

- Scheduling a meeting with AAPI Legislative Caucus for January 11th
- Malden GMAACC follow-up and other community outreach target updates (will cover at next week)

Item #11: Next Commission meeting: Every second Wednesday, next meeting is the Commissioner Appreciation on January 11, 2017

Item #12: Other community updates & Meeting adjourned!