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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 8, 2017 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 1/11/2017 meeting minutes

Item #2: Executive Director (ED) Monthly Report

- Skipped - Executive Director Bora Chiemruom was not present

Item #3: Written Executive Committee Report – Elisa

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

Item #4: 2017 Unity Dinner – Vira

- Confirmed that the keynote speaker will be former Justice Fernande Duffly. We will also have a special presentation from Franklin Oto for the 75th anniversary of the Japanese internment
- Discussed possible entertainment groups for the event

Item #5: Ethic Commission: Conflict of Interest and OCPF

Item #6: Approval to collaborate on an “Exciting project happening during AAPI Heritage Month” – Bora

- Item was skipped due to conflict of interest

Item #7: Voting on new Commissioner Attendance Policy – Wingkay

- Discussed “Policy on AAC Commission Attendance Participation” and discussed some changes made to the wording of the proposal
- Motion was carried to accept this new Attendance Policy

Item #8: AAC Statement regarding recent Executive Order

- Discussed that the AAC should release a non-partisan statement regarding our support for immigrants
- Motion was carried to accept that the AAC will be releasing a statement and the final draft will be composed by the Executive Committee, with input from other commissioners

Item #9: Subcommittee Updates

- Unity Dinner/ Fundraiser
- PR/Legislation
- Finance/Admin
- Program – Health and Human Services (HHS)
 - Please refer to the HHS report
- Program – Young Leaders Symposium



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- The previous symposium from October 2016 was led by Chris Chanyasulkit, who will be terming out of the Commission. We are now looking for a new commissioner who can take the lead with planning this event for 2017.
- Program – Economic Development
 - We had a great seminar in Quincy that helped to encourage financial literacy and women empowerment in business. The seminar was held in both Mandarin and English

Item #10: Old Business:

- Swearing-In Ceremony dates: February 17th and Snow Day February 24th

Item #11: New Business:

- Recap/debrief of meeting with Division of Problem Gambling Services Victor Ortiz
 - We will continue with quarterly meetings with the Problem Gambling Services
- Business cards
 - We discussed possibly having AAC business cards for commissioners to facilitate networking within communities while representing the AAC
 - In the past, only executive committee members were allowed business cards

Item #12: Next Commission meeting: every second Wednesday, next meeting will occur on Wednesday March 8

Item #13: Other community updates and Meeting adjourned!