

MASSACHUSETTS ASIAN AMERICAN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17, 2008 – STATE HOUSE ROOM 222

Present: Malisa Brown, Tackey Chan, Hung Goon, Eugene Hartigan, Debbie Ho, Kija Kim, Kai Lau, Kao Li, Paul Lee, Paul Shaw, Howard Wayne, Geoffrey Why.

October 14, 2008 Meeting Minutes:

Motion to accept minutes made by Kao Li. Second by Paul Shaw. 12 voted in favor and 0 voted against.

Boston Foundation Update:

Melissa Brown reported that \$25,000 has been received and must be spent this year. An update for the budget to use the foundation grant will need to be approved at a future commission meeting.

Economic Development Committee:

Tackey Chan reported on the success of the recent focus group for businesses held in Quincy. He stated that more business surveys are required for the needs assessment. He encouraged Commissioners to contact business owners to participate in the survey.

New Business:

Debbie Ho reported that the Chinese Progressive Association is developing a master community plan for Chinatown. Debbie will contact the oversight committee to explore how AAC might get involved.

Old Business:

Re-appointment letters have been sent and are retro-active to October, 2008. Commissioners who have not received re-appointments should contact the appropriate appointing authority.

Strategic Planning:

Discussion regarding AAC bylaws revision, AAC funding and fundraising, relationship of the Commission to its various constitutional officers. There was discussion to establish a planning session at next monthly meeting.

Close of Meeting:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:58 PM by Debbie Ho. Seconded by Hung Goon. 12 voted in favor and 0 against.

December 8, 2008 commission meeting was cancelled in favor of having the next AAC meeting on December 16, 2008 from 12 PM-1:30 PM; location changed to House Lobby 3rd floor.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Shaw, Secretary