

October Meeting Minutes
DC Mayor's Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs
October 20, 2014 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm at OAPIA

Attendance: (in-person) Ada Loo, Surjeet Ahluwalia, Ben Bahk, Erick Hosaka, Ajay Ojha, Martha Watanabe, Jed Wulfekotte, Soohyun "Julie" Koo, Ngoc Trinh; (phone) Dana Tai Soon Burgess, Simone Jacobson, Nicholas Lephram, Sapna Pandya, Laura Shin

Meeting summary: Commission Chair Ada Loo welcomed current commissioners and potential commissioners at the meeting. The commission reviewed the commission bylaws and statute. Noted changes to the bylaws were recommended by Commissioner Dana Tai Soon Burgess, and incoming commissioners Martha Watanabe and Ben Bahk. The vote on revisions to the bylaws and statute was tabled to the next meeting.

OAPIA Director Soohyun "Julie" Koo provided the OAPIA update and report to the commission. She provided results of OAPIA's outreach survey and announced the FY2015 AAPI Community Grant results, the agency budget, and memorandums of understanding between OAPIA and District agencies for increased services (\$231,913 used to hire staff to support three different agencies).

Commissioner Sapna Pandya asked whether OAPIA outreach survey results can be shared with the public to assist in grant funding purposes; currently the survey results are for internal use only. Commissioner Pandya also inquired about Museum Square One Apartments and its tenants; currently the issue is ongoing.

A strategic discussion for the commission was facilitated by Kathleen Crowley, an outside consultant. The discussion centered on the roles and responsibilities for the commission and for 2015.

Announcements: Commission Chair Loo announced the next Commission meeting will be held in December. Kishan Putta, candidate for DC Council At-Large, and his father made an announcement.