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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 4:30pm

McCormack Building, One Ashburton Place, 12<sup>th</sup> floor

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

- Accepted 4/13/2016 meeting minutes
- Corrections are to be made. Jennifer motioned to accept minutes, seconded by Nick. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Item #2 - Introduction of new commissioner: Dimple Rana

- Commissioner Dimple Rana was appointed by the House Speaker. She works for the City of Revere, Manager of Healthy Community Initiatives, Co-Manager of Revere on the Move
- Her focus are on the state opioid epidemic crisis and deportation issues

Item #3 - Executive Director's monthly report:

- 1) Focused on Unity Dinner, Traditional Asian Medicine/Community Listening in Quincy, and AAPI Mental Health Forum
- 2) Unity Dinner (Final VIP's and appointing authorities, finalized menu, tracking of registrations, sponsorship package, and new email blast of new flyer)
- 3) Prepared for resource fair in Lynn
- 4) *Meetings and Events:*
  - Met with Alayna Van Tassel, Deputy Treasurer and her staff for follow-up to \$eedMA
  - Attended Metta Health Center 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Lowell
  - Attended ACDC's Dim Sum Breakfast
  - Attended Enterprise Bank's Celebration of Excellence in Lowell, honoring community heroes that create lasting change in the world
  - Attended with other Commissioners the Asian American Journalists Assoc. AAPI Heritage Month celebration

Item# 4 - Elisa gave an overview of the written Executive Committee Report.

Item # 5 - Subcommittee update on the Unity Dinner:

- We agreed to give out non-profit rates, and posted to social media and email blast
- ALL Commissioners were asked to secure sponsorships and to assist with ticket sales
- Overview of working groups and solicited volunteers
- Gilbert report on program book, he needs ad by May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Item # 6 – Discussed the possibility of purchasing T-shirts for Unity Dinner (UD), we decided that it's too expensive and to put the money toward something else for UD

Item # 7 – We skipped "Update of FY 2017 Appropriation and AAC line item language amendment" due to lack of time, and moved to next Commission meeting



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## Item #8 – Subcommittee Updates:

- Healthcare Subcommittee: Elisa and other Commissioners debriefed the success of the Traditional Asian Medicine/Community Listening in Quincy
- Young Leaders Symposium: Save the Date for the YLS for Saturday, Oct. 15th, 2016 at the Brookline Main Library (Hunneman Hall) at 11am. The Committee will be meeting again on Wed., May 25th at 10am via conference call, where we will discuss our ideas for the program and speakers. "Save the Date" have gone out. The location is free due to co-sponsorship with the town of Brookline's Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Relations.
- Resource Fair: Bora debriefed the Resource Fair and Khmer New Year celebration in Lynn, MA - Saturday April 30, 2016.

## Item # 9 – Old business reminders:

- A Breakfast Celebrating the Asian Small Business Communities of Massachusetts – May 16, 2016 – The Treasurer will speak at the event, offering opening remarks, and Nick will be on a panel
- Reminded Commissioners to register and attend the Seventh Annual Asian American & Pacific Islander Mental Health Forum, "Weaving Our Many Identities into Well-Being", on Friday May 20, 2016

## Item # 10 moved to following meeting

Item # 11 - The next Commission meeting date has been changed to Friday, June 10, from 4pm-5pm, at the Immigrant Learning Center (ILC) 442 Main Street, Malden, Massachusetts, 02148. Following the meeting, there will be a Commissioner's Appreciation event from 5pm-7pm.

## Meeting adjourned!