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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 4:30pm
McCormack Building, One Ashburton Place, 12th floor

Absent Commissioners are highlighted and remote participants are indicated by an asterick*. Meeting was held via conference call, quorum was not reached. Approval of Minutes for August deferred to next monthly meeting

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

- Focused on Asian American Civil Rights Forum – see below
- Southeast Asian Water Festival
 - The event took place on Saturday August 20th
 - The AAC was able to have an ad on the program. Elisa, Sophy, and Minica was there to represent AAC
- AAC partnership with Boston Asian American Film Festival (BAAFF) – see below
- Problem Gambling Initiative
- Executive Committee Meetings – see below
- Health and Human Services Subcommittee have been meeting to plan upcoming events on September 23 at Worcester and on November 5 at Lowell General Hospital

Item #3: Written Executive Committee Report

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

Item #4: Reappointment of Commissioners and Term Limits by-law amendment vote

- Since quorum was not met, voting for the by-law amendment will be deferred until the next monthly meeting

Item #5: Asian American Civil Rights Forum – Friday October 21, 2016

- Budget of \$25,000 for the AAC partnership with the AA Civil Rights Forum of this \$25,000, about \$20,000 has been spent on the venue, food, A/V needs

Item #6: AAC/BAFF Partnership

- AAC will be co-presenting the film, “Breathin’” and a second film, to be determined
- AAC will also participate in a panel regarding Asian Americans on the screen/stage

Item #7: Subcommittee Updates

- Unity Dinner 2017
 - We had an extensive discussion regarding the date and location of the upcoming Unity Dinner. The BU venue was reserved for either Friday May 26th or Monday June 5th.



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- A motion was made by Nick to keep the venue at BU, rather than look for another location. Chris seconded this motion. Motioned p
- A motion was made by Elisa to have the event on Friday, May 26. This motion was seconded by Chris. The motion was passed by a 6-to-4 vote.
- Program – Healthcare Subcommittee
 - See below about upcoming events
- Program – Young Leaders Symposium
 - Event on October 25th, register by October 7th
 - \$1000 Scholarship applications will be reviewed and then will be awarded at the symposium

Item #8: Old business:

- Problem Gambling Initiative updates: Stakeholder Advisory Group for Public Health Trust Fund – continuing this relationship

Item #9: New business:

- Boston Philanthropic Convening on Wednesday October 26th (collaboration with WHIAAPI, BCNC, AAPIP, and AAC)
- AAC political advocacy working group update: Wingkay, John, Evelyn, Lianna, will move forward with follow-up call

Upcoming events:

- Film Screening/Community Listening in Worcester – September 23rd with Southeast Asian Coalition
- Asian Traditional Medicine at Lowell General Hospital – November 5th

Item #10: Next Commission meeting: Every second Wednesday, next meeting will be on October 12

Meeting adjourned!