

MASSACHUSETTS ASIAN AMERICAN COMMISSION
State House Room 511

Meeting Minutes: July 14, 2009

Present: Ramesh Advani, Malisa Brown, Tackey Chan, Hung Goon, Debbie Ho, Kija Kim, George King, Paul Shaw, Howard Wayne, Geoffrey Why, Tony Yee.

Meeting called to order by Tackey Chan at 12:06PM.

Meeting Minutes:

Motion to accept meeting minutes from May 12, 2009 made by Malissa Brown, second by Tony Yee. - Motion was approved by unanimous vote, 11-0.

Kumu Gupta Resignation From the AAC Advisory Committee:

Kumu Gupta submitted her resignation from the AAC Advisory Committee, effective July 14, 2009. Motion to accept Ms. Gupta's resignation made by Geoffrey Why; second by George King. - Motion approved by unanimous vote, 11-0.

Unity Dinner Update:

The AAC Unity dinner had a positive net for the fundraiser. Ramesh Advani is working to finalize the financial report. There are still some outstanding amounts to collect and bills to pay.

Healthcare Forum Update:

A healthcare forum was held on May 9, 2009 at UMass Boston. The forum was co-convened by Joslin Diabetes Clinic, UMass Asian American Studies Program and the Massachusetts Asian American Commission. The forum addressed Health Disparities among the Asian American communities, the need for comprehensive data collection, gaps in services and resources, and possible areas for future collaboration, advocacy and research. The final report on the Healthcare forum will be compiled by the Joslin Clinic. A follow up meeting is planned for the Fall.

Janet Lin Swan:

Janet Lin Swan has been recommended by the Governor's office to be appointed to AAC. Tackey Chan will reach out to her and gauge her interest.

Close of Meeting:

Motion to adjourn made by Tackey Chan and seconded by Ramesh Advani.
- Motion approved by unanimous vote, 11-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:55PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Paul Shaw, Secretary