



The State of Washington

## COMMISSION ON ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN AFFAIRS

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*Improving the lives of Asian Pacific Americans*

### **Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs Meeting**

Everett Senior Services  
Baker View Center  
1401 Poplar St.  
Everett, WA 98204

#### **INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME**

Everett Senior Services/Filipino Senior Services Center – Ms. Edith Dial and Mr. Pol Labuanan

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Welcomes and introductions were given. The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m., with CAPAA Chair Doug Heyamoto presiding.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Doug Heyamoto, Thi Huynh, Ron Chow, Rey Pascua, Tanya Tran, Jagdish Sharma, Habib Habib, Bee Cha

Commissioners Absent: Lua Pritchard, Tony Lee, Elliot Kim

Staff Present: Ellen Abellera, Jared Jonson

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion was made and carried by Commissioner Heyamoto to add “Strategic Planning for 2008” under new business after 2008 Legislative Priorities Discussion.

Motion was made and carried by Commissioner Heyamoto to defer commissioner reports to before lunch.

Motion was made and carried by Commissioner Heyamoto to add discussion about recent letter sent regarding Hate Crime against a Sikh Taxi Driver under old business

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried by Commissioner Heyamoto to approve the agenda

#### **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 17, 2007 MINUTES**

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried by Commissioner Huynh to adopt minutes as submitted.

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#### **Agency Overview**

The CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.

## REPORTS

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Ellen Abellera

- 1) Financial Report – included in packet
- 2) Website Code Restructure with DIS
  - Currently not compliant with state policies
  - \$3,300 total cost for restructure and \*Ask George search engine
- 3) Website Enhancement
  - Economic Development/OMWBE Certification Outreach Video/Materials
  - part of \$52,000 IT Pool
- 4) Audit
  - Complete
- 5) Korean American Day Celebration – Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>
- 6) Education
  - SB 5843
    - provided funding to OSPI for diaggregation of student data
    - set meetings with Senators, McAuliffe and Hobbs (Ed. Committee), Rep. Santos and Ombudsman Adie Simmons
- 7) Economic Development
  - 8<sup>th</sup> in the nation for API business
- 8) Certification Workshops
  - several requests for workshops from SW Vancouver, Seattle, Yakima Valley
  - five certified firms resulted from last two workshops
- 9) Health Care
  - addressing language barrier issues
- 10) Judicial Appointments
  - Governor's office with WA Bar associations addressing lack of minority applicants for judgeships
- 11) Washington New Americans Initiative
  - comprehensive, strategic approach to integrating immigrants and their families in WA state
- 12) Legislative Session
  - Begins Jan. 14, 2008.
  - APA Legislative Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – APIC leaders will meet with Gov. Gregoire at 10:30a.m.
  - Meeting with key legislators will happen at 2:00p.m.

### BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

Motion was made by Commissioner Chow to strike Chinese/Taiwanese from CAPAA Website translations.

Motion made by Commissioner Habib requesting further explanation of "Washington New Americans Initiative"

### OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Board welcomes Bee Cha as CAPAA's newest Commissioner
- 2) Audit
  - no major issues
  - risk assessment management needs to be reauthorized
- 3) Sikh Cab Driver Hate Crime
  - CAPAA sent letters to Gov. Gregoire and King Co. Prosecutor Dan Satterberg in support of the victim and the efforts of the Sikh Community and APA Community at-large

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1) 2008 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

Motion made by Commissioners Pascua and Habib to add “API” under Children and Family Services priorities to support legislation that encompasses all “API and Immigrant Children”

Motion made by Commissioner Chow to add Higher Education to legislative priorities and to work with Higher Education Coordinator Board (HECB)

Motion made by Commissioner Tran to request Phuong Hamilton, Bilingual Ed. Office, OSPI to join CAPAA’s Education Committee

Motion made by Commissioner Habib to add “support a statewide program for comprehensive dropout prevention, intervention and retrieval under Education section of priorities

Motion made Commissioner Huynh and Habib to clarify the aforementioned “dropout prevention” issue as it relates to health under the Health Care section

Motion made by Commissioner Huynh to possibly host a joint workshop between CAPAA, SBA, and OMWBE to explore economic development beyond certification workshops

Motion made by Commissioner Heyamoto to add immunization as a priority under health care

### **2) STRATEGIC PLANNING 2008**

Reactivation of CAPAA Sub-Committees

Education Committee

- Commissioners Doug Heyamoto and Bee Cha

Economic Development Committee

- Commissioners Thi Huynh, Ron Chow, Bee Cha, Tanya Tran, Rey Pascua

Public Safety/Health Care Committee

- Commissioners Jagdish Sharma and Ron Chow

Human Rights/Legal/Immigration Committee

- Commissioner Bee Cha, Thi Huynh, and Rey Pascua

Nominating Committee

- Commissioner Habib Habib

### **3) COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Thi Huynh

- President, elect – Vietnamese Bar Association of Washington
  - i. Addressing minority judge applicants issue

Commissioner Bee Cha

- Hmong grave desecration in Thailand

Commissioner Jagdish Sharma

- IAWW – presented \$3,700.00 check to Northwest Harvest before Thanksgiving
- Working on India Center Plan

### **4) KOREAN AMERICAN DAY CELEBRATION**

- Saturday, January 12, 2008
- 12:00p.m. in Capitol Rotunda

**5) ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE DAY**

- February 14, 2008
- Meeting with Governor Gregoire at 10:30a.m. in Governor's Conference room
- Meeting with key legislators at 2:00p.m. in Governor's Conference room

**PUBLIC FORUM**

- ❖ Pol Labuanan, President, Filipino Senior Services Center
  - Baker View Center used as a meal site every Friday
  - In need of a senior services center
  - Baker View Center is trafficked by too many groups
  - FSSC has existed for 17 years
  - Many seniors unable to participate due to lack of transportation
  
- ❖ Mike Malley, Snohomish County Human Services Dept.
  - Interests in establishing a multicultural senior center
  - Snohomish Co. Government have been providing funds to Senior Services of Snohomish County to take a lead in developing a multicultural senior center
  - Feasibility study currently being done and will be completed in May/June
  - Study will be to build new offices for Snohomish Co. Human Services along with a multicultural senior center
  - Transportation is an issue they are addressing
  
- ❖ Accessibility to free/reduced health immunizations for senior citizens
  - Snohomish Co. Health District promotes flu/pneumonia shots and other visiting health agencies are doing extensive immunization programs and working with health insurance providers to reduce costs
  
- ❖ Snohomish Korean American Association
  - Mr. Yoon and delegates
  - Open Monday thru Thursday every week, currently operating out of a church
  - Provide food, housing, and transportation services
  - Support a multicultural senior center building
  - The current church is too small
  
- ❖ Alan Viray, President, Filipino American Association of Everett
  - Organizations hosts various programs and events
  - Provided \$2,600.00 in scholarships last year
  - Supports a multicultural senior/cultural center in Snohomish Co.
  
- ❖ India Association of Western Washington
  - Inquired about forming a steering committee
  - Commissioners and Ellen gave advice to do this

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:05 PM**