

In attendance:

Asian American Commission

Meeting Minutes of 7/14/07 ; Meeting opened at 1105AM.

1. Commission meeting minutes from 6/12/07 were reviewed and accepted. H.Wayne made motion to accept; G.Hartigan second.

2. President's Report

Neelam Wali reported that board retreat was a success. Special thanks to Paul Watanabe, guest speaker/facilitator.

L.Wing is working on setting up a meeting with Governor Patrick and AAC. AAC is sponsoring a candidates forum for 5th Congressional District race On August 25, Pailin City Restaurant, Lowell, 10am-12:30PM.

AAC Fundraising event/dinner will be held at Lowell Hellenic Cultural Center On November 10. Sponsors are needed.

India Day was held at Hatch shell on August 12. Over 25,000 people attended. Grace Lee was keynote speaker.

Chinatown August Moon Festival was held August 5. Tony Yee was keynote Speaker.

3. Executive Director Report

National Conference of State Legislators/Asian American Caucus held on August 8. Focus was on healthcare. Connecticut interested in forming AAC.

AAC is sponsoring an Asian American Community Public Hearing on September 27 at Lowell City Hall.

Lowell Water festival held on August 18.
Quincy August Moon Festival August 19.

Leverett is engaging potential advisory board members.

4. Committee Reports

Outreach- Kao Li reported that newsletter is in development, to be included in website.

Healthcare- P.Shaw reported that committee will be conducting site visits to assess needs/issues at Asian Healthcare Centers.

Advocacy- to meet. M.Brown to chair.

Policies and Procedures-AdHOC group reviewed P&P.

Fundraising- N.Wali appealed for commissioners to commit to fundraising process. Several additional commissioners joined the committee. Planning will commence for Unity Fundraiser.

Economic Development-Has not met.

Education- H.Wayne to chair.

5. Presentation

Vesna Nuon from Lowell Zoning Board of appeals presented Lowell community concerns regarding possible civil rights violations, by city inspectional services. AAC will clarify procedure and process to review this concern, prior to inviting Lowell officials and citizens to review this community concern at the Community Public Hearing on September 27.

6. Old Business

Kao Li has been invited by Quincy Access TV to speak about AAC. L.Wing to join him.

Meeting Adjourned 12:20PM.