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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, June 11th, 2013

One Ashburton Place 12th Floor

1. Accept 04/16/2013 meeting minutes.
2. Retreat in July/August (with attendance by Professor Paul Watanabe)
Executive Committee Election
3. Finance overview
Unity Dinner (Rev: \$60,499, Exp: \$19,597, Net: \$40,902)
501(c)3 status
Senate Budget Amendment
4. Commissioners updates
Advisory Committee (pending list of names from Jason)
Commissioners' requests will be discussed by the Admin Subcommittee at a later date (nametags, business cards, emails, etc.).
Recent Healthcare outreach by Elisa Choi
5. Discussion on the roles of Executive Director
6. Subcommittee updates.
Admin / Finance
PR / Legislation
Event - Unity Dinner
Program - Young Leaders Symposium
Program - Healthcare
Program - Economic Development
7. Old business
New Business
8. Next Commission meeting: Retreat date is TBD

Upcoming Events – a master calendar can be found on 8centric.org

BCNC Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center
Thursday, 13 June 2013 06:00pm - 08:00pm
BCNC Annual Meeting "Growing the Community"

NAAAP National Association of Asian American Professionals
Friday, 28 June 2013 06:00pm - 09:00pm
Dodgeball Fundraiser for the Wang YMCA

IAGB Indian Association of Greater Boston
Sunday, 21 July 2013 03:30pm - 08:00pm
IAGB Annual Cruise Dinner

ACDC Asian Community Development Corporation
Sunday, 28 July 2013 - Monday, 29 July 2013
10th Annual Golf Getaway



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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 16th, 2013

One Ashburton Place 21st Floor

Absent Commissioners are highlighted on left.

Remote Participants are indicated by an asterisk*.

1. Accept 03/19/2013 meeting minutes.
 - Priti Rao motioned to accept minutes, seconded by Kay Dong. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
2. Commissioner engagement
Advisory committee update
 - Gilbert, Kajal, & Ken Fong will work on getting the Advisory committee started. Jason will work on providing the group a list of all past candidates, advisors, and past Commissioners.
3. Executive Director report
 - There is an amendment going through the House budget process to fund the Commission at \$70k. Rep. Tackey Chan is leading it. Jason will assign Commissioners to call
 - Jason is working with the Governor's outreach staff to get him more involved.
 - Grace & Jason will be the Keynote speakers at a Boston College event on 4/30.
 - Ed Markey's staff reached out to Jason to better understand the Asian communities.
 - The Commission is currently ranked #1 on Google search using keywords: Asian Commission.
 - Immigrant Learning Center is exchanging 3 dinner tickets. We will purchase 5 seats for Quincy Asian Resources Inc's upcoming dinner.
4. 2013 Unity Dinner – Tuesday, May 14
 - It is agreed to have all Commissioners make their dinner commitment by 5/4. Over \$40k committed.
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7. Next Commission meeting: Unity Dinner 5/14

Most popular date: several | Close poll

	July 2013		Sun 7	Sat 13	Sun 14	Sat 20	Sun 21	Sat 27	Sun 28	August 2013		Sun 4	Sat 10
	Sat 6	Sun 7	Sun 7	Sat 13	Sun 14	Sat 20	Sun 21	Sat 27	Sun 28	Sat 3	Sun 4	Sun 4	Sat 10
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12 participants													
Grace Lee				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Nick Chau										✓	✓		✓
Karen Tseng										✓	✓		✓
Chris Chanyasukit										✓			✓
Om Ganda	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
Gilbert Ho									✓				
Sophy Theam									✓		✓		
Elisa Choi										✓			
Joel Buenaventura										✓			✓
Ken An	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wingkey Leung													
Kenneth Fong													
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	July 2013									August 2013			

Election Procedure

1. Officers shall be elected annually, at the first meeting of the fiscal year. Should extenuating circumstances occur, the Commission may move the elections of officers to another day as a "Special Election."
2. The elected officers shall serve for a term of one year. The elected officers shall not serve more than two successive terms in any particular office. However, under extenuating circumstances, the Chairperson may serve a third consecutive one-year term.
3. The officers shall be elected by written ballot or method chosen by the Commissioners. If there is only one nominee for each, the ballot may be dispensed with and a voice vote may be taken.
4. All candidates shall provide a speech (under 3 minutes) to demonstrate their interest to serve. The election shall begin after all candidates are heard from. The order of speech by candidates is: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary.
5. Candidates with the majority of the votes take the respective officer position. In the event of a tie, the position is given to the candidate with the longest service on the Commission.

Officer Descriptions

1. Chairperson: is responsible for working with the Executive Director in coordinating the overall operations of the Commission, working with fellow executive officers and other leaders and advisors to define and implement strategy, serves as the primary liaison between the Commission and the public, and clarifies the actions and decisions of the Commission. The Chairperson will also work closely with the Vice-Chairperson to organize recruitment efforts.
2. Vice-Chairperson: is responsible for working with the Executive Director in organizing and fundraising efforts, and works with the Chairperson in coordinating with all committees to ensure that day-to-day organizations run smoothly. The Vice-Chairperson will also work closely with the Chairperson to organize recruitment efforts.
3. Treasurer: is responsible for working with the Executive Director in keeping track of bank accounts and all receipts, develop an annual budget, and makes sure proper financial records are available upon request.
4. Secretary: is responsible for working with the Executive Director in keeping Commissioners informed about the operations of the Commission, record minutes at meetings, organize key organizational documents, keep track of membership, and keep track of meeting attendance.

Waltham state senator backs Asian American Commission

By Staff reports

[Wicked Local Waltham](#)

Posted May 21, 2013 @ 03:25 PM

With the onset of the state Senate budget debate, Sen. Mike Barrett has filed an amendment to fund the Massachusetts Asian American Commission. The amendment comes during May, which is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

“Compared to their presence in the Massachusetts population, Asian Americans of various ethnicities are underrepresented in state government,” said Barrett, a Democrat who represents Waltham. “We need to do more outreach to different communities in order to encourage young people to get involved in public service. The commission does excellent work making government more accessible and inclusive.”

Barrett’s amendment highlights the growth of the Asian American population not only in Massachusetts, but specifically in his district. In Barrett’s hometown of Lexington, the Asian American population has grown over the past 10 years by nearly 90 percent to 6,300 in 2010. The same population in Waltham reached almost 6,000; in Weston, nearly 1,300.

Created in 2006, the commission holds fairs where government offices – housing and consumer affairs, for example – hand out pamphlets translated into languages including Khmer and Chinese. The commission also hosts a symposium where more than 100 young Asian American professionals network and take workshops from two dozen public agencies.

127guy

3 weeks ago

Your tax dollars at work! Liberal lunacy and wasteful spending on full display.

mrwaltham

3 weeks ago

Barrett from another planet.

walthamguy

3 weeks ago

No way would I ever vote for Mike Barrett -

dineshknee

3 weeks ago

Senator Barrett needs to be complimented for his outreach and respect for all the communities . Month of May being Asian American and Pacific islanders heritage month provided this opportunity so thank you senator

Hopefully MASS governor and others respect this community and provide them opportunity to serve in various boards and commissions and help all the citizens at large .

best wishes

Dinesh

walthamguy

3 weeks ago

@dineshknee, No disrespect intended but you may wish to examine how politicians shamelessly pander to special groups to get their votes. Is the principal reason you endorse Barrett because he made an outreach to your ethnicity? Mike Barrett can reach out all he wants to my ethnicity but at the end of the day he is still a career politician promoting tax increases regardless of unsustainable budget increases. Most certainly I will be voting against Mike Barrett.