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Oregon Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

Wednesday, January 16, 2013

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

800 NE Oregon Street

ATTENDEES:

Chair: Stephen Ying

Vice Chair: Mari Watanabe

Commissioners: Ping Khaw-Sutherland, Jennifer Kleskie, Joseph Santos-Lyons, Mahendra Shah

Staff: Nancy Kramer

I. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 am. A quorum was established.

II. Review and Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted by common consent.

III. Approval of Past Minutes

MOTION (Santos-Lyons/Watanabe) To approve the OCAPIA November 2012 minutes. CARRIED.

MOTION (Santos-Lyons/Watanabe) To approve the OCAPIA December 2012 minutes. CARRIED.

IV. Leadership Report

Chair Ying has been very active in the Asian community, hosting and attending notable events such as Governor Vic Atiyeh’s 90th birthday (Chairs from the 3 sister Advocacy Commissions were invited to this event), and representing the Asian community at the swearing in of Mayor Hales.

Chinese New Year, the Year of the Snake, is February 9th and Chair Ying will attend many banquets hosted by local Asian community groups. He will also speak to the Rotary at the University Club.

ACTION: Nancy to create a spreadsheet to track Commissioners’ activities, to be stored on the Google account, where all Commissioners can access and update it.

Vice Chair Watanabe will represent OCAPIA at the February 8th City Club Friday Forum event. Commissioner Santos-Lyons will help the Vice Chair prepare for this event. The focus will be on the mission and legislative priorities of OCAPIA. ACTION: Commissioner Santos-Lyons will present a 15-20 minute workshop to Commissioners on talking points and messaging at an upcoming OCAPIA meeting.

Vice Chair Watanabe spoke at community partner APANO's 2012 holiday party. She attended the Consulate General Japan's party in honor of the Emperor. Portland City Hall raised the flag in honor of the Emperor on December 21st. She also met with Senator Dingfelder on January 8th.

The Vice Chair met with Amanda Peacher, of Oregon Public Broadcasting's Public Insight Network. Ms. Peacher seeks a more diverse network of people in the Asian community she can contact, to hear their perspective on current events and feature stories. A goal is for OCAPIA to be a speaker resource. It was noted that this connection is an option for discussing proposed legislation.

Commissioner Ping Khaw-Southerland and Chair Ying attended Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici's event on January 10th. The Commissioner spoke in support of small business owners, especially those who are immigrants. Her goal is to build more connections between small business owners who can provide one another with needed services, such as graphic design. The Congresswoman will discuss immigration issues and requested that OCAPIA work with her staff person, Natalie Sept.

Commissioner Khaw-Southerland also met with County Commissioner Amanda Fritz regarding the OCAPIA's strategic priority on education gaps for API students.

Commissioner Santos-Lyons was named as Executive Director of APANO. The Commission congratulated him on this new position.

It was noted that Executive Director of Center for Intercultural Organizing Kayse Jama and Polo Catalani, of the City of Portland's Human Relations office proposed Mayor Hales create a city Commission for Immigrant and Refugee Affairs. Other active community members supporting this issue are Lee Po Cha and June Schumann.

V. OACO Administrator's Report

Executive Assistant Nancy Kramer briefly mentioned the OACO's budget projections, and that in February Administrator Lucy Baker will send recommendations on how to use the remaining balance. The question was asked if all Commissioners would receive this information or just OAC Leadership.

Nancy also mentioned that an online donation feature was being developed for all Commissions' websites, and that a mailing list was created for anyone interested in receiving new internship opportunities with the Advocacy Commissions.

Commissioners discussed possible internship concepts. They asked for more information about the process for requesting an intern and the timeline and to see a job description for an existing internship. Internship ideas included a workforce diversity project (with Partners in Diversity and the Portland Business Alliance, although funding for administering the project is still an issue), an education intern, and a civic engagement intern. Commissioner Kleskie knows of a female student with a Masters in Leadership Sustainability, who may be interested in an internship with the Advocacy Commissions. Lucy will send internship descriptions of current or past internships to the Commissioners.

VI. Old Business

Review of Action Item List:

#3. Travel Portland – wrap-up with Jeff Miller?

#6. At next OAC Leadership meeting, propose to other Commissions that the OCAPIA plans to invite ODE Auditor Richard Tracy to speak to the Commissions. Are other Commissions interested in attending?

#7. Interest in Johanna Blackford, OCHA's PhD-level Intern, and her advisor Dr. Pat Burk of PSU's School of Education, briefing the OCAPIA on her education Disparities research. Forward the Coalition for Communities of Color report and the Richard Tracy report to Johanna.

#8. Important to set up a meeting with the OAC's Policy Advisor, Frank Garcia. OCAPIA would like to meet with him every other month, possibly a Q & A at each OCAPIA meeting. There is interest in building a stronger relationship with the Governor's Office including for new Commissioner Orientation.

#9. Set up Feb OAC Leadership meeting (SY & MW)

#14. Contact Nancy Haque (Western States Center) and Helena Huang (Oregon Voice) regarding providing a workshop to identify gaps in civic engagement and how OCAPIA can help. Commissioner Santos-Lyons suggested voting trends for Asians might be a piece of this as well, as a webinar.

Update on Annual Report:

Commissioner Khaw-Sutherland has spent several hours working on the OCAPIA Annual Report. Areas that still need help are Past Achievements, Department of Education, Civic Engagement, Voter Registration. The report will be finalized in late January.

ACTION: Nancy to post the Coalition of Communities of Color and the number of APIs on foundations to the website.

ACTION: The Office will put together a timeline starting in June 2014 for the 2015 report.

VII. New Business

Strategic Goals: Nancy will integrate the Action Item List into the Minutes.

Fundraising Event:

The Commissioners discussed the importance of having clear fundraising goals.

ACTION: Nancy to send an email to all OCAPIA Commissioners asking what projects each Commissioner wants to support financially.

ACTION: Commissioner Santos-Lyons expressed interest in receiving a financial update on the OACO budget and how OCAPIA fits.

Review of legislative priorities/searching legislative database via LINUS:

The Commissioners selected “education” and “civic engagement” as main keywords to use in the LINUS search.

April 17th is APANO’s joint Legislative Day in Salem.

Bills of interest to OCAPIA: The data collection bill will track more granular data on APIs; and the cultural competency for professions.

May 2013 Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in Salem - Nancy reported that because the legislature is in session the rotunda is only available for 30 minutes and there is no guarantee legislators will finished by 12:30. The rotunda reservation is from 12:30pm – 1pm.

The 2013 event at the Lan Su Chinese Garden is May 21st.

Fall joint OAC forum focusing on civil rights:

The Commissioners decided to table this discussion at this time. It was noted that rather than civil rights, education and civic engagement were of more interest and there was interest in holding it in June, rather than the fall.

Focus on immigrant and refugee affairs for APIs:

The Commissioners expressed interest in inviting new refugee leaders in the community to meet with the Commissions, for 15 minutes, at each OCAPIA meeting. Commissioner Santos-Lyons will make inquiries into inviting leaders to the March 2013 OCAPIA meetings.

VIII. Individual Commission Reports/ Upcoming Events

It was noted that the Chinese New Year event will be February 9th at the Convention Center. Chair Ying is on the committee presenting this event Commissioners

discussed financially supporting an OCAPIA voters' registration booth and also have the OCAPIA name and logo appear on a banner.

MOTION (Watanabe/Santos-Lyons): to support the Chinese New Year event at the Convention Center with sponsorship totaling \$500 – APANO will donate \$250, OCAPIA will donate \$250 - and receive a booth for voter registration. **CARRIED.**

IX. Good of the Order

Next OCAPIA meeting Wednesday, March 20th at 10am, 800 NE Oregon Street, Room 1D, Portland OR 97232

X. Adjourn

The meet was adjourned at 12:05pm.