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## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012

One Ashburton Place, 12th Floor

Absent Commissioners are highlighted on left.  
Remote Participants are indicated by an asterisk\*.

1. Review of 6/12 minutes.
  - Om Ganda motioned to accept minutes, seconded by Kay Dong. Motion carried by a unanimous vote
2. Finalize a retreat date for weekend of August 11/12 from 1-5pm. It will replace the monthly meeting in August.  
Do we need a facilitator?  
Add to the list of topics to cover
  - The retreat is set for Saturday August 11 @ 1-5pm. The Open Meeting Law OML still applies so members of the public may attend. Lunch will be provided at the beginning.
  - Paul & Geoffrey will facilitate the retreat.
  - Jason will send out a reminder to solicit agenda topics. Possible SWOT analysis and ice-breaker are included, we will have time limits for each topic.
  - Current topics include: commissioner expectations, executive committee's duties, forming committees, financial commitments, succession planning, evaluations reporting, unity dinner, fundraising, existing programs, healthcare initiatives, gaming issues, lobbying day, role of the executive director ED, ED evaluation.
3. Initiatives  
Resource Fair – Lowell Water festival on Saturday 8/18
  - There will approximately be 50k attendees, 70 booths, and heavy representations of Cambodians, Laotians, Vietnamese, and Thais.Report of 6/24 Resource Fair at Chinatown Festival
  - Passed out over 500 bilingual brochures. We concentrated on job opportunities and voting rights.Young Leader Symposium 9/21
  - Some Commissioners will be meeting on Wed 7/25 @ 6-8pm.Healthcare ideas for 2013
  - Karen Tseng and Om Ganda have met to discuss ideas. Jason will be creating a list of all clinics/hospitals/professional groups and their contacts.
4. New business
  - Jason mentioned a helpful program by the Chinese Progressive Association CPA who worked with the Chinese consulate in New York to come to Boston to conduct immigration services. This negates having people to travel to New York.
  - Kenneth Fong knows someone at the Gaming Commission, we are trying to get a meeting with them.
  - There are interests in getting AAC gears (shirts/badges) to indicate membership with the Commission.Old Business
5. Next Commission meeting: **August Retreat for August 11**