

MASSACHUSETTS ASIAN AMERICAN COMMISSION
State House – Room 222

Meeting Minutes February 17, 2009

Present: Melissa Brown, Tackey Chan, Hung Goon, Eugene Hartigan, Debbie Ho, Kija Kim, Kai Lau, Paul Lee, Kao Li, Paul Shaw, Geoffrey Why, Joseph Wong, Tony Yee

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm by Tackey Chan, Chairperson.

US Census Presentation:

Joseph Wong and Norman Eng, representatives of the US Census Bureau gave an overview of the Partnership Program. The Partnership Program reaches out to minority communities where the census is difficult to enumerate. Mr. Wing and Mr. Wong are looking for AAC participation regarding the outreach to the Asian American community. Further discussion by AAC will take place regarding endorsement and participation.

December 16, 2008 Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of December 16, 2008 were reviewed and approved.

Motion by Debbie Ho, Second by Melissa Brown. Vote; 12-0 in Favor.

Unity Dinner Update:

The AAC Unity Dinner will take place on Friday May 15, 2009 at the Empire Garden restaurant. The event will highlight the statewide needs assessment of the MA Asian American Community. Leverett Wing has agreed to help coordinate the event with Debbie Ho. The current dinner committee is Leverett Wing, Debbie Ho, Tony Yee, and Geoffrey Why. The committee will solicit further participation among AAC Commissioners and advisory committee members. The next Steering Committee meeting will take place March 5; location TBD.

Updates:

The Commission's Trust cannot be approved by the Secretary of Administration and Finance until we have an approved budget. Given that there is no stable funding, we have no budget.

Several groups have sent donations to help cover the costs associated with for Mumbai Vigil. AAC has received a bill from the Boston Police for a detail but not from the City of Boston yet. A small appropriation may need to be approved by the Commission if these donations do not cover all the costs.

Motion to adjourn by Debbie Ho, Second by Melissa Brown. 11-0 in Favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:05PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Paul Shaw, Secretary.