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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 4:30pm
McCormack Building, One Ashburton Place, 12th floor

Absent Commissioners are highlighted and remote participants are indicated by an asterisk*. Quorum was reached by attendance.

Item #1: Accepted September minutes

Item #2: Executive Director report:

- Focused on YLS: Program book and final logistics
- Focused on AAPI Civil Rights Forum with marketing and outreach
- Followed-up with appointing authorities for new Commissioners
- Logistics and outreach for Advocacy Day (see below)

Item #3: See written report submitted by Elisa Choi

Item #4: Planning for Advocacy Day:

- Press release created by Vira, & Bora sent to all Asian Press and Boston Globe
- We (Vira and Bora) invited all of State Representatives and Senators
- Also invited non-profit organizations and VIPs
- Menu pulled together by Sophy
- For planning purposes all Commissioners are required to register for event
- Program and program booklet will be done by Bora
- Rangers from the State House will provide security
- Discussed media and talking points
- We will need Commissioners to help check people in

Item #5: We are still conducting interviews and the ED search is on-going

Item # 6: Subcommittee updates:

- Unity Dinner/Fundraiser – Save the date: Thursday, May 3rd. We really need a new chairperson for UD committee!
- PR/Legislation – Looking at calling a meeting for H.3361 and DACA
- Finance/Admin – Skipped
- Health and Human Services – Planning for Advocacy Day at the State House on October 17
- Young Leaders Symposium – Debriefed on the success of YLS
- Economic Development – Skipped

Item #7: Brief discussion of summer retreat which we skipped last meeting

Item #8: New Business



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- We are supporting Beyond Orientalism, as one of the co-presenting organization

Reminder of upcoming events:

- AAC HHS Advocacy Day at the State House – October 17 @ 10am
- 2nd Annual Civil Rights Forum - October 27 @ Federal Reserve Plaza

Item #10. Next Commission meeting: Every second Wednesday, November 8

Item #11. Meeting adjourned