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Asian American Advisory Board



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AGENDA, Monthly Board Meeting
6:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 12, 2024
Stephen P. Clark Center, 18-4 Conference Room, Miami, FL 33128
Ref: AG-03-2024

AGENDA ITEMS

PRESENTER

1.Call to Order and Welcome

Tai Vaz

2.Roll Call.....

Joshua Ho

3.Pledge of Allegiance

Tai Vaz

4.Approval of February 2024 Minutes

Tai Vaz

5.Director's Report

Joshua Ho

6.Introduction of Guests.....

Tai Vaz

7.Special Presentations:

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- **AAPI Civic Engagement in Miami-Dade County** - Hannah Locop, Florida Field Organizer, APIAVote

8.Public Comments:

9.Committee Reports

Committee Chairs

- **AAAB Executive Committee** – Tai Vaz, Chairwoman
- **AAAB Cultural Advancement Committee** – Li Gurau, Chairwoman
 - **Asian Culture Series Sub-committee:** Chair: Tai Vaz
 - Asian-American Community Tour with Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau – April 6th
 - AAPI Heritage Month Celebration with History Miami Museum and Miami-Dade Public Library System – May 11th
- **AAAB Economic Development Committee** – Sharon Fine, Chairwoman
 - Cultural Grants Workshop - Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs – Thurs. March 21st, 2PM (Zoom)
 - Vendor Forum: Contracting Opportunities on Food, Beverage, and Related Services – Wed. March 27th, 11AM (South Dade Regional Library Auditorium, 10750 SW 211 St, Cutler Bay, FL 33189)
 - **Miami-Dade County International Trade Consortium** – Preeya Disyanan, ITC Board Member
- **AAAB Education/Civic Engagement Committee** - Tai Vaz, Chairwoman
 - **Health/Wellness Sub-committee:** Chair: Sadrul Fasihi

10. Current Business.....

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- **Updates from Miami-Dade Police** – MDPD Major Patky Changkachith & Detective Brandy Conway
- **Report: 33rd Annual Asian Culture Festival:** Host – Thai American Association of Florida; Cohost – MDC Asian American Advisory Board

11. Discussion Items (New Business)

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- **Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month – May 2024**
 - Opening Kickoff Ceremony at Stephen P. Clark Center: First week in May
 - History Miami Museum & Miami-Dade Public Library: Sat. May 11th
 - NAMI Walk 2024: Sat. May 18th @ Zoo Miami
 - Asians4Awareness - Team Captain: Dr. Eugene Fu
 - Museum of Discovery and Science: Sat. May 18th

**EDUCATION/CIVIC
ENGAGEMENT
COMMITTEE**

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**COMMUNITY
RECOGNITION DINNER
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Tai Vaz, Luna Adachi
Co-Chairs

**HEALTH/WELLNESS
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Sadrul Fasihi
Chair

**ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

Sharon Fine
Chair

Luna Adachi
Smita Kulkarni
Stephen Matsumoto
Tai Vaz

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE
CONSORTIUM**

Preeya Disyanan
ITC Board Member

**CULTURAL
ADVANCEMENT**

Li Gurau
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**ASIAN CULTURE SERIES
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Phonethip "Tai" Vaz
Chair

- Ichimura Japan Garden: Sun. May 19th
- Federal Detention Center Miami: TBD
- Gummakonda Reddy Foundation Golf Tournament: Wed. May 15th @ Jacaranda Country Club



12. Announcements

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- March 17, Sunday: **MAIACA Holi Festival**; Kendall Indian Hammocks Park, 11395 SW 79th Street, Miami; Noon; Early Bird Tix \$30 (until 2/15); www.maiaca.org
- March 17, Sunday: **IRCC Holi Celebration**; Miramar Regional Park, 16801 Miramar Parkway, Miramar; 11AM-4PM; \$35, \$20; Tickets IRCC Holi Celebration
- March 19, Tuesday: March 10, Sunday – April 9, Tuesday - Holy Month of Ramadan; **Inter-Faith Iftar** (breaking of fast/dinner during Ramadan) hosted by Jaffer Center for Muslim World Studies at FIU; FIU MMC, Graham Center Ballrooms; 6:30PM; RSVP Required Interfaith Iftar at FIU
- March 21, Thursday: **Cultural Grants Workshop - Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs**; Zoom; 2PM; Register Cultural Grants Workshop
- March 27, Wednesday: **Vendor Forum: Contracting Opportunities on Food, Beverage, and Related Services** hosted by Miami-Dade County's Strategic Procurement Department; South Dade Regional Library Auditorium, 10750 SW 211 St, Cutler Bay; 11AM; No registration required; www.miamidade.gov/procurement
- March 31, Sunday: **Easter Sunday**
- April 6, Saturday: **Asian-American Community Tour with Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau**
- April 6, Saturday: **Maha Songkran Festival** – Cambodia New Year Festival; Wat Buddha Metta, 20599 SW 304th Street, Homestead; 5PM -11PM
- April 7, Sunday: **Maha Songkran Festival** – Cambodia New Year Festival; Wat Buddha Metta, 20599 SW 304th Street, Homestead; 10AM -2PM
- April 14, Sunday: **Songkran Festival** – Thai New Year Celebration; Wat Buddharangsi of Miami, 15200 SW 240th Street, Miami; 10AM-3PM; Free admission; Cash for purchases; www.thaitemplemiamifl.org
- April 22, Monday – April 30, Tuesday: **Passover (Pesach)**
- Sundays: **ACE Talk** Show with Winnie Tang, Josephine Gordy & Joshua Ho on WAVS 1170AM & 107.9 FM, Sunday evening from 9PM – 10PM www.ACETalk.org

Adjournment

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[Next AAAB General Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 6:00 PM @ SPCC 18-4](#)