



**Mayor's Asian American Pacific Islander Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 18, 2026 @ 6:00pm – 7:30pm
3402 Columbus Drive downstairs conference room**

City of Tampa Staff:

- Donna McCallister, Senior Special Events Coordinator, Parks and Recreation Dep't
- Raquel Pancho, ADA Coordinator, Office of the Chief of Staff, and
- Phyllis Ho-Zuhars, Senior Executive Aide, Office of the Chief of Staff

AGENDA

- 1. WELCOME, ATTENDEE ROLL CALL**
 - a. City staff
 - b. Council members – Need ___ members to have quorum.
 - c. Friends of the Council
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 3. COUNCIL PHOTOGRAPH**
- 4. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES REVIEW & APPROVAL**
 - a. January Meeting Minutes
- 5. TREASURER'S REPORT – Ferdian & Raquel**
 - a. Bank account balance to date - \$
- 6. COUNCIL APPLICATION STATUS**
 - a. 2024-26 Council Members Re-application (Term ends July 2026)
 - b. New Applicants?
- 7. 2025 FESTIVAL- March 22, 2025; 12 noon to 7 p.m.**
 - a. **Festival – New Features**
 - *Health Screening Section*
 - *Lanterns*
 - *Parade of Nations*
 - b. **Vendor** –Donna & Mariben
 - *# vendors applications received*
 - *# vendors approved to date*
 - *Send vendor names and contact to Donna*
 - c. **Entertainment** -Director – Howard Deputy – Johnny
 - i. *Draft Program 2/18/26*
 - ii. *Confirmation emails to be sent 2/19*
 - iii. *Final Program 3/2*
 - iv. *3/2 Mon @7:00 In-person meeting @ Mariben's*
 - d. **Volunteer** Director – Hanh Duffy Deputy – Lena Tan
 - *# Volunteers registered to date*
 - *No food voucher this year; will provide water and snacks*
 - e. **Logistics** Director – Ferdian Jap, Deputy Jong
 - i. *Stage, digital banner, & generator quote received*

- II. *Hillsborough County Hydratio Station confirmed*
- III. *Need tables and chairs quote*
- IV. *Need portalet quote*

Can we publish the layout with the vendor names on the web site?

- f. **Sponsor** Director – Sunny,
(All council and friends will seek sponsors)
 - i. *Sponsor \$\$ received to date*
 - ii. *Need to raise \$35K cash*
 - g. **Marketing** Director– Kevin, Deputy - Anna
(All council and friends will market)
 - i. February Marketing
 - 1. Need video and quote
 - 2. Billboard ads
 - 3. Distribute festival postcards
 - ii. March Marketing
 - 1. Media Spoke persons – Joey, Mariben, Raquel, & Donna
- 8. 2025 GIFF ASIAN FILM**
- Sponsor film cost?
 - Volunteers?
- 9. BY LAWS AMENDMENT**
- 2024-2026 Officers
 - By laws were completed in 2024 so 3-year term ends on July 2026.
 - Amend by laws - Change current officers' term to end from Nov. 2025 to June 2026
 - New Officers – 2026 to 2029
 - April 2026 – announce new officers to apply
 - May 2026 – applicants bio distributed to members
 - June 2026 – vote for new officers who will start July 2026
- 10. 2026 ASIAN FILM SERIES – May?**
- 11. NON-PROFIT LLC – 501C3 UPDATE – Howard Yo, Director**
- a. Postponed to April
- 12. UPCOMING EVENTS**
- a. 2/18 Wed @6-8 pm - Armature Works Drums, Dragons & Dumplings (free)
 - b. 2/19 Thu @7-9 pm – Armature Works K-Pop Karaoke & Sushi Contest (free)
 - c. 2/20 Fri @10a-1 pm – TET – Town and County Senior Center (free)
 - d. 2/20 Fri @6-11 pm – Armature Works Asian Night Market (free)
 - e. 2/21 Sat @2-5 pm – CCTB Lunar New Year @ Grand Harvest Buffet \$35/person
 - f. 2/21 Sat @6-9 pm – Rides by the River Armature Works South Lawn Car Show (free)
 - g. 2/22 Sun @4pm Mega Night Market – 10490 Gandy Blvd. St. Pete (free)
 - h. 2/22 Sun @5-10pm – Seminole Hard Rock Lunar New Year Carnival @ event center (free)
 - i. 2/25 Wed @6pm TAPI Festival Virtual Meeting
 - j. 3/2 Mon @ 7 pm TAPI Festival Entertainment Team In person Meeting @ Mariben's
 - k. 3/6 Fri @5-10pm Dream Asia Fest State Fairgrounds Tickets - \$15 - \$45/person
 - l. 3/7 Sat @10am–10 pm Dream Asia Fest State Fairgrounds Tickets - \$15 - \$45/person
 - m. 3/8 Sun @10am-10pm Dream Asia Fest State Fairgrounds Tickets - \$15 - \$45/person

UPCOMING EVENTS CONT'D.

- n. 3/11 Wed - @6 pm TAPI Festival Virtual Meeting
- o. 3/14 Sat @11am - Tiger Tail Asian Film Festival AMC Sundial Downtown St. Pete
- p. 3/17 to 3/22 – Gasparilla Int'l Film Festival
- q. 3/18 Wed -@6pm Council Meeting
- r. 3/21 @3pm Asian Glow Fest Spring Lantern Festival – Dade City
- s. 4/25-4/26-4/28 - BTS at Raymond James Stadium

13. OPEN DISCUSSION

14. NEXT MEETING 3/18