



Sister Cities Commission  
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**NAPERVILLE SISTER CITIES COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES, February 4, 2009  
MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Larry Konecny called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Bill Bien, Jim Davidson, Jane Klassen, Larry Konecny Jr., Barb Kucera, Rich Mikolajczyk, Roberto Ramirez, Randy Russell, Roger Stamm, Bettye Wehrli

Absent: Ray Hill, Joseph Hudetz, Alex Mayszak, Dave Perillo, Laura Weren,

Student Representatives: Catherine Chen, Akansha Tarun

City Liaison: Ms. Cheryl Johnson

**Secretary Randy Russell declared a quorum was present**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There were two minor but important changes to the minutes. Randy agreed to make those updates and send the revised minutes to Cheryl. Barb Kucera moved to accept the January 2009 meeting minutes as amended. Motion seconded by Roger Stamm and approved unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Jim Davidson reported that the remaining budget for FY2008/09 is \$859.62. The proposed budget for FY2010 for Sister Cities is \$10,000. This amount is subject to further review and adjustment at a budget workshop planned for 9 March. Rich and Larry will attend.

Reimbursement to Barb Kucera for International Festival registration fees was proposed. The motion to approve the expenditure was made by Randy Russell. Motion seconded by Barb Kucera and approved unanimously.

Barb Kucera moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Roberto Ramirez and approved unanimously.

## **OPEN FORUM**

Rich made two announcements. One of the student commissioners, Akansha Tarun, was recently named one of the top students in DuPage County.

Rich also announced the Sister Cities International annual conference to be held in Ireland.

## **REPORTS**

Barb outlined the final plans for the Commission's participation in the annual North Central College International Festival. Barb also asked for additional commitments for booth coverage and sent around a sign up sheet.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Bill Bien reported the following items related to the Young Artists Competition

- Judges are confirmed
- Press release has been written and distributed – Naperville Sun, Positively Naperville, and the city website
- There will be one grand prize and 5 second prizes
- Maggiano's to provide food and beverages for the awards ceremony
- The team has a NCC art student as an assistant

Rich reviewed the meeting start time survey

- Mornings are out as is lunch
- The March meeting will start at 6 PM
- After reviewing the March meeting, all future meetings may be scheduled to start at 6 PM
- Rich moved that future meetings begin at 6 PM. Barb Kucera seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Jim reported on progress on the plans for the student exchange program

- Naperville Noon Rotary Club will provide financial support and sponsorship
- We (Sister Cities Commission) will identify host families
- Likely need to identify 3-4 families
- Plans are the Slovakian student will spend the entire school in the US
- May live with 2-3 families during the school year
- Target date for the student to arrive is August 2009 for the 2009/2010 school year

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Rich provided an update on the effort to identify and select a second sister city

- Rich has spoken to Doug Krause concerning the plans
- A letter was drafted to the Mayor and City Council seeking direction
- Any effort to begin negotiations with second sister city will require a change in the ordinance authorizing the second and subsequent sister city relationships

Rich announced that the Riverwalk Foundation had denied the request to permanently locate the Mirror Image display on the Riverwalk. No reason was given. Rich and others will seek to understand the reasoning and may ask for reconsideration. In the interim, Lake Osborne is another alternative and Rich and others will pursue that possibility.

Dave Perillo prepared the quarterly report. It was reviewed and several changes were suggested. Randy agreed to make the desired updates and send back to Cheryl for distribution.

There was a brief discussion of the possibility for a separate Sister Cities website. All agreed that a link to the City website would be desirable. A further report on this work will be provided at a future meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Barb Kucera moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Davidson and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 6:00 PM in the Mayor's Conference Room, Naperville Municipal Center.