



Sister Cities Commission
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Cultural

- *Mirror Image*, the commission is still searching for a permanent home for the Mirror Image Display. Under consideration is the walking trail at the Municipal Services headquarters on West Aurora Ave. The commission is attempting to meet with the Police and Fire Departments at Lake Osborn for consideration. Others are: the Park District and Riverwalk Foundations. The Displays are constructed for both indoor and outdoor use.
- Sister Cities Young Artist Showcase competition is underway. This year's theme is "Your Path To Peace". We have talked to the Naperville Art League and school districts 203 and 204. There is strong support from each district and we expect over 40 participants for the 2009 competition. Judges have been invited and accepted. More pictures are expected to be placed upon the website. Flyers have been sent to all area high schools. A small budget has been allocated in support of the event with food donations graciously provided by Maggiano's Restaurant in Naperville. Donations from other downtown Naperville businesses will be requested. As donations arrive, the donors will be acknowledged.
- Second Sister City – Since our last quarterly report the Sister Cities commission has been given brief presentations from Mr. Roberto Ramirez for consideration of Patzcuaro, Mexico as a candidate for a Second Sister City and Mr. Ed Haung regarding consideration of Wu Jiang, Jiangsu China.
- The Sister Cities annual dues are coming due in July. Due to budget cuts we are short of funds. The consequences of failing to pay our dues this year would mean Naperville would be "de-listed" by the Sister Cities International. Should future budgets allow us to activate our membership we would not need to go through the application process and could pick up where we left off.

Educational

- The North Central College's International Festival is scheduled for Sunday February 8th. Barb Kucera paid for the entrance fee and will be reimbursed from the Commission budget. The Sister Cities Commission will have a table at the festival which runs Noon - 4 pm. Commissioners and student representatives will be staffing the booth. Barb confirmed that Gama and Roman Hudec will attend the festival and bring their Slovakian displays. Roger Stamm has prepared a PowerPoint presentation depicting the Nitra – Naperville Sister Cities relationship for use during the festival.

Philanthropic

- The Sister Cities commission has received messages from Jack Persin at Ryan Hill Realty concerning progress on the construction of homes in Pass Christian, Mississippi. Home 17 of 20 is nearly completed and construction of homes 18 & 19 will begin in late January 2009. Ryan Hill Realty is planning a trip to assist with the construction in mid-February, 2009.

New Commissioners

- Four new commissioners have been approved and added to the team during the last report. They are: Joseph Hudetz, Larry Konecny, Jr., Bettye Wehrli and Jane Klassen.
- Larry Konecny has also agreed to serve as the Co-chairman of the Commission.

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