

**NAPERVILLE SISTER CITIES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES, March 4, 2009
MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER

Larry Konecny called the meeting to order at 6:11 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Bill Bien, Dave Harr, Jane Klassen, Larry Konecny Jr., Barb Kucera, Rich Mikolajczyk, Dave Perillo, Randy Russell, Roger Stamm, Bettye Wehrli, Laura Weren

Absent: Rhae Cisneros, Jim Davidson, Ray Hill, Joseph Hudetz, Alex Mayszak, Roberto Ramirez

Student Representatives: Catherine Chen, Akansha Tarun

City Liaison: Ms. Cheryl Johnson

Secretary Randy Russell declared a quorum was present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Barb Kucera moved to accept the January 2009 meeting minutes as amended. Motion seconded by Bettye Wehrli and approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim Davidson reported that the remaining budget for FY2008/09 is 1825.15. 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.

The commission provided some comments concerning the key "selling points" for the budget discussion. These points include:

- Success of the 2009 Young Artists Competition
- Progress on identifying and continued interest a second sister city
- Progress on the student exchange program – 2009/2010 school year

Approval for expenditure for \$100 is needed. Motion to approve the expense was made by Barb Kucera, seconded by Dave Perillo and approved unanimously.

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

OPEN FORUM

Rich announced that Joe Hudetz and Ray Hill have resigned from the commission. Dave Harr has joined the commission bringing the total number of commissioners to 13. Replacements for Joe and Ray are in process to bring the commission to its full complement of 15 commissioners.

REPORTS

Barb reported on the International festival at North Central College. Akansha will draft a thank you note to Roman and Gama for their participation in the event.

Rich reported on the trip to Pass Christian. 14 people from Ryan Realty participated in the trip. Personal accounts of the experiences have been recorded and are available for anyone to hear. The group presented a \$4,000 check for the library and the City of Naperville donated 10 computers for use in the library.

OLD BUSINESS

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

- Judges are confirmed
- The team has a NCC art student, Ryan Foster, as an assistant
- There will likely be at least 40 entries
- Key dates are:
 - 13 March – artwork due
 - 18 March – judging takes place
 - 21 March – awards ceremony 9 AM-noon at City Hall

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

- Target date for the student to arrive is August 2009 for the 2009/2010 school year
- Student will live with the Hudetz family for at least the first three months and attend NVHS

NEW BUSINESS

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

- The Council is open to considering a second sister city
- The Mayor supports the effort to name a second sister city
- There is the possibility of seeking SECA funding for some of the money needed to launch and complete this effort
- The Council wants to see a plan of action for advancing this effort with the goal to complete the process in FY2010.

Rich reported on the continuing efforts to find a permanent home for the Mirror Image Display. The Riverwalk is still a possibility as is Lake Osborn.

Rich announced that the State Sister Cities conference will be held in Schaumburg in April (17 & 18 April). We have sufficient funds to send 4 people. Three commissioners agreed to attend: Dave Harr, Jane Klassen and Randy Russell. The attendees will make a report to the commission at the May meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Barb Kucera moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dave Perillo and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at 6:00 PM in the Mayor's Conference Room, Naperville Municipal Center.