

**NAPERVILLE SISTER CITIES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES, August 5, 2009
MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER

Rich Mikolajczyk called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jim Davidson, Jane Klassen, Larry Konecny Jr., Barb Kucera, Rich Mikolajczyk, Randy Russell, Sami Siddiqi, Bettye Wehrli

Absent: Bill Bien, Dave Harr, Joe Hudetz, Dave Perillo, Roberto Ramirez, Roger Stamm

Student Representatives: Catherine Chen was present. All others (Rhae Cisneros, Alex Mayszak, Akansha Tarun) were absent

City Liaison: Ms. Cheryl Johnson

Secretary Randy Russell declared a quorum was present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

We have spent \$916.42 to date. Most of this money (\$915) was spent on dues to the International and Illinois Sister Cities Organizations.

Sami Siddiqi moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Rich Mikolajczyk and approved unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

Rich announced that Laura Weren resigned from the Commission.

The mayor will nominate a new commissioner.

This was Catherine Chen's last meeting prior to leaving for college. All present thanked her for her service and wished her well in her college career.

The dates for the planned trip to Patzcuaro, Mexico were changed to October. Subsequent to the meeting, the dates for the trip were finalized as 15-19 October. Travel arrangements are being made and additional reports will be made at the September meeting.

REPORTS

All scheduled meeting concerning the second sister city have taken place.

OLD BUSINESS

All is well with the arrival of Ruth Baneszova. Ruth will attend the September meeting and participate in selected events associated with the Nitra delegation visit in September.

Sami reported on the progress of the planning for the Nitra delegation visit. There are 7 people in the delegation; the vice mayor, a law enforcement official, 2 church officials, 2 educators from local colleges and the coordinator, Petra. Subsequent to the meeting an eighth delegate was added, chair of the Nitra Chamber of Commerce.

There is much scheduling to confirm. Hotel and most meals are booked. The hotel is Holiday Inn Select. Dinners will be at Dolce Amore, Maggiano's and Meson Sabika. A final schedule should be available at the September meeting.

The delegates arrive late on Monday evening, 14 September and depart on Sunday afternoon, 20 September. They will spend the majority of their time in Naperville and surrounding communities with government officials, business leaders, church officials and public safety professionals. Saturday will be spent in downtown Chicago at leisure for shopping and sightseeing.

Select Rotary officials will be invited to some of the social events. Other community group leaders will also be invited to selected events. City Council will be invited to attend key events.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Bien will be leading the Young Artist competition for the 2009-2010 school year. Some work has already been done on this campaign. Bill will meet with District 203 and 204 representatives as well as key people from Benet Academy to ensure they are aware of the program parameters. The folks were supportive last year and we expect continued growth in the program in the coming year.

Dave Perillo has begun work on publicity for the Exchange Student and Nitra delegation visit. Some of this publicity will be in place by the September meeting. Dave will report on the final placements and plans at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

Bettye Wehrli moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Barb Kucera and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 6:00 PM in the Mayor's Conference Room, Naperville Municipal Center.