

**NAPERVILLE SISTER CITIES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES, September 2, 2009
MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER

Rich Mikolajczyk called the meeting to order at 6:11 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jim Davidson, Dave Harr, Jane Klassen, Larry Konecny Jr., Barb Kucera, Rich Mikolajczyk, Roberto Ramirez, Randy Russell, Roger Stamm, Sami Siddiqi

Absent: Bill Bien, Joe Hudetz, Dave Perillo, Bettye Wehrli

Student Representatives: All were absent

City Liaison: Ms. Cheryl Johnson

Secretary Randy Russell declared a quorum was present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Roger Stamm moved to accept the August 2009 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Roberto Ramirez and approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No additional money was spent in August. The remaining budget is \$4,834.

All expenses related to the Nitra delegation visit will be paid out of SECA grant funds through the Sister Cities Foundation.

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

OPEN FORUM

Dave Harr will lead the Young Artists Competition effort for 2009/2010.

Our exchange student from Nitra, Ruth Baneszova, was introduced to the Commission. Both Ruth and Joe Hudetz, host family representative, reported that she was settling into life in Naperville and pleased with the courses for which is registered at Neuqua Valley High School.

The Commissioners all wished Ruth well and looked forward to seeing her again as part of the Nitra delegation visit.

A discussion took place concerning the interest of Naperville in participating in the Sister Cities International Virtual 5K Run. Barb agreed to contact one or two running clubs in the area to determine their interest in cooperating/collaborating on the effort. All agreed that we would not try to undertake this project without sponsorship and assistance from a running club.

REPORTS

The visit to Patzcuaro, Mexico is set for 15-19 October. The Naperville Commissioners going on the trip are Roberto Ramirez, Sami Saddiqi, and Jane Klassen. Roger Stamm may participate if his work schedule allows. The Mayor will not be going on the trip.

Following the trip, the project team for the second sister city will likely need to meet again with the City Council members to update them on plans and progress.

OLD BUSINESS

Joe Hudetz hosted a picnic at his home for the Commissioners and Ruth in late August. Many people attended and despite the rain had a pleasant afternoon with our new exchange student.

Sami reported that the itinerary for the Nitra delegation is set. There are a few individual items that will be finalized after the delegation arrives to suit specific areas of interest. Driver responsibility is well covered. All restaurants are booked and dates are known. We will have video taping of key events from NCTV and a private company.

NEW BUSINESS

Dave Harr will lead the Young Artists Competition for the 2009-2010 school year. Meetings with District 204, Benet Academy, and North Central College have been held. District 203 has chosen not to participate this year. The Sister Cities International (SCI) theme is set and the deadlines are well known.

This year we are also considering encouraging the students to participate in the SCI Essay contest. This is a complimentary effort with the Young Artist competition and can be accomplished with a limited amount of additional work.

We will need to create a press release for the SCI newsletter following the Nitra delegation visit. The Commissioners most directly involved in the visit will collaborate on a final report.

ADJOURNMENT

Barb Kucera moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Larry Konecny and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 6:00 PM in the Mayor's Conference Room, Naperville Municipal Center.