

**NAPERVILLE SISTER CITIES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES, January 6, 2010
MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER

Rich Mikolajczyk called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Joe Hudetz, Sami Siddiqi

Student Representatives: None

City Liaison: Cheryl Johnson

Secretary Randy Russell declared a quorum was present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Barb Kucera moved to accept the December 2009 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Roberto Ramirez and approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim Davidson moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Randy Russell and approved unanimously.

Jim reported that expenses for the booth registration for NCC International Festival and related postage need to be approved. Motion to approve was made by Jim and seconded by Bettye Wehrli. Motion approved unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

Barb Kucera asked that each commissioner sign up for a slot at the booth for the International Festival. Barb distributed a sign up sheet. Barb also suggested that the commission provide a gift to the Hudec's for their thoughtful participation in the festival. Barb moved that a \$50 gift certificate be approved for the Heduc's. The motion was seconded by Rich and approved unanimously.

There was discussion about a 2011 Nitra Night. SECA grants are due in the Oct/Nov 2010 timeframe. We will need to finalize plans in the summer of 2010 so that we have sufficient information to complete the grant application.

NEW OFFICER NOMINATIONS/APPROVAL

A slate of officers for the 2010/2011 fiscal year was proposed. Proposed officers:

Chair	Larry Konecny
Co-Chair	Sami Saddiqi
Secretary	Randy Russell
Treasurer	Jim Davidson

Barb Kucera moved to approve the slate of officers as presented. The motion was seconded by Bettye Wehrli and approved unanimously.

ADDITIONAL SISTER CITIES

The group discussed the many aspects of the second sister city opportunities. Rich and Larry will meet with Mayor Pradel to discuss his thoughts on how to proceed with this effort.

The commission recognizes the difficult financial situation the city faces over the next 2-3 years. Public funding for additional sister cities is unlikely during this period. The commission discussed the use of the Sister Cities Foundation to secure private funding for the additional sister cities. This idea will be a topic for the discussion with the Mayor.

The Foundation will meet on 13 January to discuss these ideas further and establish a direction for the fundraising effort. Bill Bien, President of the Foundation, will chair that meeting.

The intent is to supplement the existing and future public funding with private donations from individuals and corporations. The council would have final approval of any additional sister city included in the program.

There will further discussion of the funding model as well as a review of the additional sister city selection criteria at the February meeting. Based on the feedback from Mayor Pradel, a second round of meetings with the council members may be desirable.

ADJOURNMENT

Jane Klassen moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Bev Eigenberg and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 6:00 PM in the Mayor's Conference Room, Naperville Municipal Center.