

**NAPERVILLE SISTER CITIES COMMISSION
APRIL 7, 2010 MEETING MINUTES
MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER

Roberto Ramirez called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Sami Siddiqi, Roberto Ramirez, Rich Mikolajczyk, John Fitterer, Bill Bien, Jim Davidson, Darlene Stevens, Bettye Wehrli, Larry Konecny

Absent: Bev Eigenberg, Jane Klassen, Barb Kucera, Randy Russell, Roger Stamm

Student Representative: Melissa Lai

City Liaison: Cheryl Johnson was absent

Guests: George Wang, Thomas Fu, Fang Chen & Kate Shen of the Ray Chinese School
Jeanette Sturgis of the Naperville Sun

Acting Secretary Rich Mikolajczyk declared a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bill Bien moved to accept the March 3, 2010 Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Bettye Wehrli and approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim Davidson reported that there were no expenditures in March. Bettye Wehrli moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Roberto Ramirez and approved unanimously.

Chinese Sister City Presentation

Members of the Ray Chinese School made a presentation on behalf of Wujiang/Suzhou. The Ray Chinese School is located in Naperville and primarily serves the Chinese/American community. It serves over 1,000 students and almost 800 families in the Naperville area.

Parents of the school are interested in furthering Chinese/American relations by cultural, educational, technological and business exchanges. They see the establishment of a formal Sister Cities partnership as the vehicle to do this.

With close to 400 PhDs in the organization, the Ray Chinese School has a solid base in the areas of Science, Engineering and Technology. They are attempting to complement this base with a greater understanding of business administration. More specifically, they are interested in how to bring new technology ideas to market both here and in China.

ADDITIONAL SISTER CITIES

Roberto Ramirez led the discussion of our progress towards establishing an additional Sister City partnership. The Sister Cities Foundation has been meeting on a regular basis to secure sponsorship for this endeavor. To date they have commitments of \$6,000 which is more than the new Fiscal Year budget of \$5,250.

The Foundation has also developed a PowerPoint presentation to deliver to the Mayor and City Council. Hopefully, it will answer most of their questions and allow the Commission to move forward with the proposed Sister City of Patzcuaro, Mexico.

Letters have been sent to the remaining three candidate cities advising them that they were not selected as the next Sister City.

ADJOURNMENT

Bettye Wehrli moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by John Fitterer and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 6:00 PM in the Mayor's Conference Room, Naperville Municipal Center.

Respectfully submitted by Richard J. Mikolajczyk in Secretary Randy Russell's absence