

**NAPERVILLE SISTER CITIES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES, June 2, 2010
MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER

Sami Siddiqi called the meeting to order at 6:13 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Bill Bien, Jim Davidson, Barb Kucera, Roberto Ramirez, Randy Russell, Sami Siddiqi, Darlene Stevens, Bettye Wehrli

Absent: Bev Eigenberg, John Fitterer, Jane Klassen, Larry Konecny Jr., Roger Stamm

Student Representatives: Melissa Lai (absent)

Secretary Randy Russell declared a quorum was present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bettye Wehrli moved to accept the May 2010 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Barb Kucera and approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

YOUNG ARTISTS COMPETITION

Bill Bien gave an update on the meetings he has held with Districts 203 and 204 and Benet Academy. District 204 has agreed to participate in the 2011 event. Benet has also agreed. District 203 has not agreed. Bill will pursue other people in District 203 to try to convince them to participate.

We will not participate in the Young Writers competition in 2011. We will consider participation in 2012.

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Sami and Jim reported that all was in order for the farewell dinner in honor of Ruth Banaszova. The dinner will be held at Maggiano's in Naperville at 7 PM on Tuesday, 6 July. The Mayor, his staff and the City Council will be invited as well as all commissioners and Ruth's host families. Bettye Wehrli agreed to purchase gifts for Ruth and her father in an amount not to exceed \$200.

CITIZENS DIPLOMACY INITIATIVE

Sami reported that the June session in Michigan was cancelled due to lower than expected registration. The group will try again in the fall. Sami hopes to have additional information for the July commission meeting.

ADDITIONAL SISTER CITIES

All meetings with City Council members, the President of the Chamber of Commerce and the City Manager were completed as planned. The only Council member with whom we did not meet was Judy Brodhead.

Based on direction from Manager Krieger, we prepared the necessary information to get on the agenda for the 15 June City Council meeting. There are two items that need to be addressed to approve Patzcuaro as the second sister city. First the city ordinance must be changed to allow a second sister city. Following that vote, the Council must approve Patzcuaro as the second sister city.

Subsequent to the meeting, votes were taken at the 15 June City Council meeting. Both measures were approved by a 7-1 vote. Mayor Pradel was absent from the meeting.

We began discussing the plans for a Mexican Fiesta in the September/October timeframe. Roberto has some investigation to do and will report back to the Commission. Sami invited the project team to his home for an Indian dinner and planning meeting on 21 June. Many updates concerning the fiesta and participation in the RiverWalk Art Fair have occurred between meetings. A full report of current plans will be made at the July meeting and documented in the July minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Randy will prepare the quarterly report for the second quarter of 2010. He will have the draft ready for the July meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Bettye Wehrli moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill Bien and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at 6:00 PM in the Mayor's Conference Room, Naperville Municipal Center.