

**NAPERVILLE SISTER CITIES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2016
MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Boor called the meeting to order at 7:23 PM.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS:

Present: M. Hudakova, F. Manzur – Yunes, P. Lindstrom, J. Federico, K. Swasey, N. Goodman, D. Boor, S. Grover, M. Tamayo – Calabrese, P. Merryweather – Arges.

Absent: C. Monovich, L. Donahue, I. Best, K. Gallaher, R. Shukla, J. Kalyan.

Guest: Two residents of Naperville.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There was a change to the Minutes suggested by Ms. Donahue to: “Neuqua will most likely visit Nitra”. Ms. Tamayo – Calabrese motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Swasey seconded the approval of minutes.

PUBLIC FORUM:

We had two guests from the public. And both made statements regarding their particular interest in the Commission (one is a lawyer who belongs to a Bohemian Lawyer Association, while the other is a Chinese – American resident of the city).

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Boor reported that we have SECA funds until the end of April. Currently, we have \$3,200 available. The Foundation has \$1,294 available.

SISTER CITIES FOUNDATION UPDATE:

We agreed that we will talk about seeking funding from local businesses at our next Foundation meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nitra Committee: We have made progress in terms of connecting schools from the aforementioned city with our schools. Specifically, in the elementary school level.

Patzcuaro Committee: We have a translated version of the document that we received last month from the Patzcuaro Sister Cities Commission. The Committee will meet this month to discuss a response and a strategy to begin working on the action points.

Superintendents 203/204: N/A

SECA: It was said that Ms. Donahue presented to the SECA Board on Saturday.

Brand/ Strategy/ Marketing Committee: Ms. Lindstrom presented her plan to “re-brand” the Sister Cities Commission and Foundation.

Ms. Merryweather – Arges motioned to approve the plan.

Mr. Goodman seconded the approval of the plan.

Exploration Committee: It was mentioned that Beijing proposed becoming a “friendship city” with Naperville.

North Central International Festival: Ms. Hudakova showed us the instruments and the display items that we will have at the event. We will have sign – up sheets the day before the event. Roman and Gama will help us with the setup. Mr. Goodman will also have items on display.

Young Artists: Ms. Lindstrom reached out to the representatives from Districts 203 and 204. We are waiting for a response from the art leads from Central and North. The Naperville Art League showed interest in being a potential partner.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Boor motioned to adjourn.

Mr. Manzur – Yunes seconded the motion.