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Meeting Minutes - Final

Sister City Committee

Thursday, June 12, 2025

12:00 PM

Staff Conference Room, 1st Floor, City Hall

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A. Call To Order

Vice Chair Valerie Harbolovic called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Staff Liaison Stephanie Box called roll.

Present: 8 - Adria Vasquez, Vice Chair Valerie Harbolovic, Susane "Westi" Horn, Charles Harris, Heather Moretzsohn, Ana Rivera-Soto, Angelita Romero, and Wally Gonzalez

Absent: 1 - Jessuip Avalos

C. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

1. [25-0687](#) Minutes of the April 17, 2025 meeting.

The minutes were approved. Member Horn motioned, seconded by Member Gonzalez. Noted Member Avalos's second absence.

Aye: 8 - Adria Vasquez, Vice Chair Valerie Harbolovic, Susane "Westi" Horn, Charles Harris, Heather Moretzsohn, Ana Rivera-Soto, Angelita Romero, and Wally Gonzalez

Absent: 1 - Jessuip Avalos

Abstained: 0

E. Committee Reports

2. [24-2009](#) Agen Subcommittee update

Subcommittee Chair Harbolovic discussed different ways to interact with Agen exchange such as culinary exchange and an 8th grade twinning project.

3. [24-2010](#) Student Exchange Subcommittee report

Subcommittee Chair Horn reported the agenda of activities for the exchange students is being finalized. Changes included removing Courthouse tour, add Hooks game on Wednesday, July 23rd with dinner at Brewsters. Member Moretzsohn will complete final edits to the agenda. Subcommittee Chair Horn will email members to schedule a subcommittee meeting.

4. [25-0372](#) Budget & Fundraising Subcommittee update

Subcommittee Chair Harris discussed several expenses to include Sister City International renewal charge; farewell for exchange students; activities such as Harbor Playhouse tickets, Hooks tickets; Aloe Tiles as gifts; registration fees for Japan summit. Staff Liaison Box will register Members Harris and Moretzsohn for summit.

5. [24-2014](#) Transition Subcommittee Update

Subcommittee Chair Harbolovic reported Ryan Skrobarczyk worked on an agreement to move Sister City to the Chamber of Commerce. Also, Chair Harbolovic reported last day with the city would be October 1st, and would like the committee to consider working with Mae Ferguson to help establish by-laws. Subcommittee members Rivera-Soto, Moretzsohn, and Vasquez will attend any future meetings with the Chamber to discuss transition.

F. Staff Reports

Staff Liaison Box reported update on service agreement between the city and the Chamber of Commerce for the Sister City transition.

G. Unfinished Business

H. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

6. [25-0688](#) Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Staff Liaison Box opened the floor for nominations for Sister City Committee Chair and Vice Chair. Member Rivera-Soto nominated member Harbolovic for Chair, member Harbolovic nominated member Vasquez for Vice Chair. Member Rivera-Soto motioned to approve, member Horn seconded and unanimously passed.

Aye: 8 - Adria Vasquez, Vice Chair Valerie Harbolovic, Susane "Westi" Horn, Charles Harris, Heather Moretzsohn, Ana Rivera-Soto, Angelita Romero, and Wally Gonzalez

Absent: 1 - Jessuip Avalos

Abstained: 0

7. [25-0689](#) Re-structuring of subcommittees and electing new chairs

Staff Liaison Box discussed reducing subcommittees from six to three subcommittees for Student Exchange, Budget and Fundraising, and International Exchange. Discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

I. Future Agenda Items

Future items to discuss are the registration for US-Japan Summit delegation; discussion and decision to work with Mae Ferguson; and the restructuring of subcommittees.

J. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.