



# City of Corpus Christi

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## Meeting Minutes

### Sister City Committee

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Thursday, August 8, 2024

12:00 PM

Communications' Conference Room - 3rd Floor

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#### A. Call To Order

#### B. Roll Call

**Present:** 5 - Adria Vasquez, Vice Chair Valerie Harbolovic, Susane "Westi" Horn, Heather Moretzsohn, and Chair Melody H. Cooper

**Excused:** 1 - Charles Harris

#### C. Public Comment

#### D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

##### [24-1308](#)

April 11, 2024 minutes were approved.

##### [24-1309](#)

Absences for the July 11, 2024 meeting were approved, with Heather being an excused absence.

##### [24-1310](#)

July 11, 2024 minutes will need to reflect Heather having an excused absence.

#### E. Committee Reports

**23-0119** Report from Fort Worth Sister City Program - Mae Ferguson, Executive Director"  
Mae Ferguson gave an overview of the history of the Sister Cities program in Fort Worth.

Mae suggested the best way to run the Sister Cities program is the nonprofit model with a Board of Directors. The members would be nominated, not appointed and would have term limits.

The Fort Worth Sister Cities is membership based. "Come to these events (galas, walks), and depending on your level of membership, you get these perks." They also have a diversified list of funding from different corporations.

Mae to send written resources and a copy of their contract with the City for research purposes.

Agen - Proposed delegation from France during Buccaneer Days

The 24-25 budget approval has postponed the Mayor sending an invitation to the Mayor of Agen to Buccaneer Days.

Veracruz - delegation's visit in September

Transportation - Days 2 & 3 - \$5,500

Welcome Reception - 45-50 people - \$2,500

Farewell Dinner at Melody's - 80-100 people - \$4,000

Farewell Breakfast at Omni - 20-30 people - \$1,000

Photo exchange - \$500

Scrapbook - \$500

Total budget for Veracruz - \$14,000

\$16,000 is in the Sister Cities account and can be used to cover other items that may arise like table cloths at the Galvan House for restaurant week.

Although Melody will not be sitting on the committee at the time of this event, motion was approved to allow Melody to attend events. She will give a print at the farewell dinner.

Ryan suggested to add \$500 to the Veracruz visit budget for aloe tiles. The total budget for the Veracruz visit is \$14,500 and was approved by committee.

## **F. Staff Reports**

24-1278

## **G. Unfinished Business**

## **H. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action**

**I. Future Agenda Items**

Request information on an invitation from Mayor to Agen Mayor.  
US - Japan Summit

**J. Adjournment**

Adjourned at 1:04 PM