



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

Sister City Committee

Thursday, December 12, 2024

12:00 PM

Staff Conference Room, 1st Floor, City Hall

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A. Call To Order

Chair Luis Cabrera called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Adria Vasquez, Vice Chair Luis F. Cabrera, Valerie Harbolovic, Susane "Westi" Horn, Charles Harris, and Heather Moretzsohn

Excused: 1 - Joe Benavides

Absent: 2 - Mourad Hasbaoui, and Ana Rivera-Soto

C. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

1. [24-2008](#) Minutes of the November 14, 2024 meeting

Member Valerie Harbolovic motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by member Charles Harris. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Committee Reports

2. [24-2009](#) Agen Subcommittee update - Susan Westi Horne, Chair

Subcommittee Chairperson Susane "Westi" Horn emailed tentative dates and schedule to Agen contacts and is waiting for a reply. A culinary exchange is being considered through Del Mar College. Committee recommends hosting Agen delegation in private

homes and offering hotel accommodations upon request. Chairperson Horn recommends member Valerie Harbolovic to Agen subcommittee. Staff Liaison Stephanie Box provided budget example and recommended subcommittee to have Agen Exchange program details finalized in January. Committee Chairman Cabrera requested subcommittee Chairperson Horn to have proposal ready in January. Chairperson Horn requests for it to be noted that subcommittee members are Susane "Westi" Horn, Heather Moretzsohn, Charles Harris, and Valerie Harbolovic.

3. [24-2010](#) Student Exchange Subcommittee report - Luis Cabrera, Chair

Subcommittee Chairperson Luis Cabrera reported the application will be posted soon to the public until February 15. Interviews will be held in March at the Galvan House. At the end of March, training will be held at Broadmoor. Tentative student exchange dates are June 27, 28, and 29 for the city's delegation, and returning July 11-13 with Agen delegation staying until the end of July (2 week stay).

4. [24-2011](#) Veracruz Subcommittee report - Valerie Harbolovic, Chair

Subcommittee Chairperson Valerie Harbolovic reported Veracruz has requested an economic summit online, and Sarah Tindall and Al Arreola are interested to be included as Economic Development. Waiting on a reply from Veracruz contact Jorge.

5. [24-2012](#) Yokosuka Subcommittee update - Susane Westi Horne, Chair

Nothing to report by Subcommittee Chairperson Susane "Westi" Horne. Subcommittee member Heather Moretzsohn reported the summit is scheduled September 16 - 19 and would like to attend.

6. [24-2013](#) Budget & Fundraising Subcommittee update - Mourad Hasbaoui, Chair

Subcommittee Vice Chairperson Charles Harris reported a balance of \$1905. Spoke with HEB and Whataburger, and both are willing to support. Waiting to hear back from Valero and Citgo. Subcommittee requested to add member Valerie Harbolovic to subcommittee and schedule a special meeting to discuss budget and funding. Purpose of fundraising is to support student exchanges.

7. [24-2014](#) Transition Subcommittee Update - Valerie Harbolovic, Chair

Committee agreed member Valerie Harbolovic will be new Subcommittee Chair. Staff Liaison Stephanie Box recommended for committee to know transition plans within the first quarter of the year whether to remain with the city or pursue transition to the Chamber of Commerce. Subcommittee Chairperson Harbolovic reported May Ferguson will speak with subcommittee in January.

8. [24-2015](#) Toledo Subcommittee update

Nothing to report by Subcommittee Chairperson Luis Cabrera.

F. Staff Reports**9. [24-2016](#)** Updates from Staff Liaison

Nothing to report from Staff Liaison Stephanie Box.

G. Unfinished Business (None)**H. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action****[24-2057](#)** Review and approve Annual Report

Annual report due January 31. Will be ready next meeting.

[24-2059](#) Approve dates for Agen delegation

Committee will solidify dates.

[24-2060](#) Approve Vera Cruz Virtual Delegation

Waiting to hear from Veracruz contact Jorge, Al Arreola, and Sarah Tindall.

I. Future Agenda Items

Discuss committee vacancies and terms.

J. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.