

**CITY OF ANAHEIM
SISTER CITY COMMISSION**

MINUTES

March 25, 2019

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Anthony Al-Jamie, Paul Anderson, Kevin Barrot, Taline Cole, James Dinwiddie II, Lori Dinwiddie, Elizabeth Jabaz, Larry L. Larsen, Jerry O’Keefe and Anna Piercy

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Jackie Filbeck, Brian O’Neal and Brigitte Rodgers
(Two vacant seats)

STAFF PRESENT: Kimberly Kelemen, Community Services
Maggie Solorio, City Manager’s Office

GUESTS PRESENT: David Bracey
Germaine Neumann

Agenda Posting: A complete copy of the Anaheim Sister City Commission Agenda was posted on Friday, March 22, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. at Anaheim City Hall.

Public Input: Chair Taline Cole explained that members of the public are invited to address the Anaheim Sister City Commission and will be called upon under Agenda Item No. IX. Public Comment.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taline Cole called the meeting of the Anaheim Sister City Commission (ASCC) to order at 4:12 p.m. on Monday, March 25, 2019 at the Anaheim City Manager’s Office, City Hall, 200 S. Anaheim Blvd., 7th Floor, Anaheim, California.

II. FLAG SALUTE

Chair Taline Cole led the Flag Salute.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Larry Larsen offered a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Anna Piercy AND MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 9-0; Abstained; Lori Dinwiddie; Absent: Jackie Filbeck, Brian O'Neal and Brigitte Rodgers; and, two vacant seats) that the Anaheim Sister City Commission does hereby approve the minutes from the ASCC meeting held on February 25, 2019 as presented.

IV. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jim Dinwiddie presented the latest copy of the Treasurer's Report dated March 25, 2019 with a current balance of \$15,557.55. Treasurer Dinwiddie noted he cleaned up the report and removed the information from the previous year. The new balance includes \$1,000 payments from five outbound students, and he has a commitment that the last student will pay by April 2.

MOTION: Commissioner Lori Dinwiddie offered a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Anthony Al-Jamie AND MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 10-0; Absent: Jackie Filbeck, Brian O'Neal and Brigitte Rodgers; and, two vacant seats) that the Anaheim Sister City Commission does hereby approve the Treasurer's Report dated March 25, 2019.

V. FUNDRAISER

Chair Taline Cole reported that as of that day, they had sold 30 tickets for the fundraiser and that 40 is the catering minimum. She needs everyone to sell tickets and to promote the event on social media. The Commission decided to charge \$20 a ticket for kids under 15 years of age and to only enter full price (\$40) tickets into the raffle.

Chair Cole advised if there are any additional donation items for the silent auction, to let her know as soon as possible, because she is creating the bid sheets and signs.

It was noted that for the silent auction, the Commission has six sets of Angels tickets, a basket from Coffee Bean, a basket from the Colony, a basket from Larry Larsen, alcohol and two VIP tickets to the Festival Durango y Su Cultural 2019 to be held at Pearson Park on April 27.

Kimberly Kelemen is going to talk to the CEO of the Anaheim Community Foundation regarding payment and reimbursements for the fundraiser.

VI. MITO OUTBOUND STUDENT EXCHANGE

Commissioner James Dinwiddie reported six students are going to participate in the 2019 Mito Outbound Student Exchange and five of them have already paid the \$1,000 required fee. Three of them have their passports and the others are in the process of obtaining them. The students will be leaving to Japan on June 20 and returning to Anaheim on July 2, 2019.

Kimberly Kelemen reported that the chaperones had been fingerprinted and that they have cleared the background check.

VII. MITO INBOUND STUDENT EXCHANGE

Chair Taline Cole reported on behalf of Commissioner Jackie Filbeck that the rooms at the Downtown Community Center have been reserved for the week the inbound students are in Anaheim. Mito is sending eight students and two chaperones, which is the same as in previous years. In addition, Commissioner Filbeck is coordinating a date for Mayor Sidhu to meet with the students.

Kimberly Kelemen is going update the host family application and post it on the Sister City website.

The Mito Inbound Student Exchange will take place from Friday, July 26 through Monday, August 5.

Commissioner Kevin Barrot who is also the Chair of the Inbound Student Exchange Program reported he is waiting for a date confirmation from the Mayor's Office before he starts putting a schedule together for the inbound students.

Kimberly Kelemen is going to check with Greg Garcia on the availability of Angels' game tickets. The Commission prefers seats in the suite and the games on either Saturday, July 27 as a first preference or July 28 as a second preference.

Regarding Disneyland tickets for the Inbound Students, the way in which they obtain tickets has changed. Last year, Disneyland qualified the Commission to receive tickets for the Inbound Students. Now what the Commission needs to do is submit the project and volunteers need to sign up through Points of Light. The Commission will continue to look into this and or look for other alternatives such as pay for the cost of the tickets.

Chair Cole reminded the Commission to look for items for the gift bags to give to the inbound students when they arrive. They need sets of 12.

VIII. PUDONG SISTER CITY UPDATE

Chair Cole reported that on March 12, she, Mayor Sidhu and Greg Garcia met with Consul Junying Shao, Director of Political/Media Affairs Division from the Chinese Consulate in Los Angeles and they discussed the sister city relationship

with Pudong, China. Before she joined the Commission, the City had agreed to establish the relationship with Pudong, but they never actually did the official ceremony. Thanks to Commissioner Anthony Al-Jamie who assisted in writing a letter to Pudong, they responded and they met with them. The meeting went well. She is going to work with them on inviting them to Anaheim to do that. A picture of this meeting is on Facebook.

Chair Taline Cole is going to contact Greg to establish next steps.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Germaine Neumann has lived in Anaheim for eleven years and she is excited to find out about Anaheim Sister City. She submitted an application to join the Commission. Her son is at Sycamore Jr. High School in the Spanish Dual Immersion Program. She is interested in working on developing the relationship with Victoria-Gasteiz to help students in Anaheim who are studying Spanish. The Anaheim Elementary School District has decided to add Spanish Dual Immersion to 23 schools next year. Anaheim currently has two junior high and two high schools that have the Spanish Dual Immersion Program.

David Bracey reported the Sister City International, Southern California Chapter had their quarterly event on March 9 at Laguna Beach and they had a great turn out with approximately fifty people in attendance. The next event is going to be on May 9 in Santa Monica.

X. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Taline Cole noted that regarding the Japan Festival, she spoke to the organizer and he wants to charge the Commission \$350.00 to have a booth at the fair. Chair Anthony Al-Jamie is going to meet with him and is going to ask him to donate a booth to the Anaheim Sister City Commission.

The Anaheim Japan Fair is going to be on Saturday, May 25, 2019 at Center Street Promenade from 11 am to 8 pm. It would be great if Sister City has a booth there to have former participants to talk about the program and to recruit host families.

XI. STAFF COMMENTS

Kimberly Kelemen reported a host family add will be posted on the Anaheim Community Services Activity Guide that will be mailed out this summer for the first time in many years, to every resident in Anaheim. It is also going to run in the Anaheim magazine, which also goes to every resident.

Kimberly also reported she does not have an answer yet for Commissioners who have termed out and want to know how long they will stay on the Commission. As soon as she gets information, she will share it with the Commission.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m. to Monday, April 22, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the Anaheim City Hall, City Manager's Office Large Conference Room.