

**CITY OF ANAHEIM
SISTER CITY COMMISSION**

MINUTES

August 26, 2019

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Anthony Al-Jamie, Taline Cole, James Dinwiddie II,
Lori Dinwiddie, Jackie Filbeck, Elizabeth Jabaz,
Larry L. Larsen and Brian O’Neal

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Paul Anderson, Kevin Barrot, Anna Piercy,
Jerry O’Keefe and Brigitte Rodgers
(Two vacant seats)

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Larry Rosenberg, Anaheim Ballet

Agenda Posting: A complete copy of the Anaheim Sister City Commission Agenda was posted on Friday, August 23, 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. VII. Public Comment.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taline Cole called the meeting of the Anaheim Sister City Commission (ASCC) to order at 4:20 p.m. on Monday, August 26, 2019 at the Anaheim City Manager’s Office, City Hall, 200 S. Anaheim Blvd., 7th Floor, Anaheim, California.

II. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner James Dinwiddie led the Flag Solute.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Jackie Filbeck offered a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Larry Larsen AND MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 7-0; Abstained: Elizabeth Jabaz; Absent: Paul Anderson, Kevin Barrot, Jerry O’Keefe, Anna Piercy and Brigitte Rodgers; and, two vacant seats) that the Anaheim Sister City Commission does hereby approve the minutes from the ASCC meeting held on June 24, 2019 as presented.

IV. APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer James Dinwiddie advised a Treasurer’s Report had not been prepared for the meeting and that he would have one prepared for the next meeting.

V. MITO OUTBOUND STUDENT EXCHANGE

Chair Taline Cole reported this year’s Outbound Student Exchange went great. The teachers and students loved it and had a great time in Mito. Three of the students had such a great experience that when they returned from their trip they each hosted a student.

Chair Taline Cole is going to invite the teachers and one or two students that participated on the Outbound Student Exchange to the September ASCC meeting so that they can share their experience.

Chair Cole advised that at the next meeting the Commission is going to appoint a subcommittee for the 2020 Outbound Student Exchange so that they can drive up interest in the program.

There was discussion on how to better promote the outbound student exchange including an interest community meeting, visiting schools and getting the word out to the PTA.

VI. MITO INBOUND STUDENT EXCHANGE

Chair Taline reported overall, the Inbound Student Exchange went well. The Mito students arrived on July 26 and left on August 5.

Commissioner Jackie Filbeck reported they had a couple of new events that were a lot of fun. One was a visit to the Japanese Bakery on Center Street Promenade, it was a little expensive, but the kids really enjoyed that. Another one was guitar lessons and the students seemed to have a good time with that. In addition, when they visited the Heritage Center, Patti Hirahara engaged the students in some fun activities.

Commissioner Filbeck reported the Sayonara Dinner was a success and thanked Commissioner Larry Larsen for a fantastic job in putting that together. The teacher was new and she was good, but she missed some picture opportunities. There were no issues with the students and everything went well. The students had an absolute blast at the pool party, with karaoke, the pool tables and the ping-pongs.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Rosenberg, the Executive Director of the Anaheim Ballet, expressed interest in having his company participate in some way with the inbound and/or outbound student exchange programs. Possibly a tour or a dance presentation for the students when they are in Anaheim. The commission suggested possibly teaching the outbound students a short routine that they can dance when they go to Japan. Larry Rosenberg is going to follow-up with Kimberly Kelemen with ideas as to how they can participate. Larry noted that eventually the goal would be that in the future someday to send dancers as an exchange to Mito or Pudong.

Chair Taline Cole thanked Mr. Rosenberg for reaching out to the Commission and looks forward to working with him in the future.

VIII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Taline Cole spoke about fundraising. She contacted a couple of places where they can have it. She would like to do a fundraiser earlier this year and would like to set up a subcommittee for fundraising. Anaheim Brewery is willing to do it again. She also spoke to Decades Bar and Grill and they would be willing have one as well. She would like to have a date set, so they could start working on fundraising for this year. She would like to agendaize fundraising for the next meeting so that a committee could be setup and start working on the details as soon as possible.

Discussion took place regarding the Sister City display case on the first floor of City Hall. A delegation from Mito, Japan is going to visit in October and will be bringing new items to replace the items being displayed there now and take the old items to Mito. It was noted that some space should also be assigned to Pudong. Kimberly Kelemen is going to follow-up with Greg Garcia who is managing that.

Commissioner Brian O'Neal asked about the status of the Commission reconfiguration and Kimberly Kelemen responded appointments for the Sister City Commission are on the next City Council agenda.

IX. STAFF COMMENTS

Kimberly Kelemen advised Pudong donated some memorabilia and gifts and Jane Newell took some of those for the Muzeo, but there were some decorative plates left over so she wanted the Commission's thoughts on what they wanted to do with them. It was suggested that those items be placed in the display case as a placeholder for Pudong or that they could be as an auction item for the fundraiser. Commissioner Al-Jamie expressed he did not think Pudong meant for those items to be displayed because it is more of a personal gift.

Kimberly Kelemen made the Commission aware that the Disneyland tickets that the Commissioner received for the Mito students were applied for under the Anaheim Community Foundation name and any organization only gets a specific amount of tickets each year. That cut out 10 tickets out of the 20 that the foundation gets for the entire year for the several programs that the foundation manages. She asked that when the Commission wants to apply again, they talk to her first so that she can take it to the foundation and talk to their executive director and see what their plans are for the year and maybe they can have an allotment, it probably will not be 10.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m. to Monday, September 23, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the Anaheim City Hall, City Manager's Office Large Conference Room.