

**CITY OF ANAHEIM
SISTER CITY COMMISSION**

MINUTES

January 28, 2019

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Jerry O’Keefe and Brigitte Rodgers
(Two vacant seats)

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Paul Kott
David Bracey

Agenda Posting: A complete copy of the Anaheim Sister City Commission Agenda was posted on Friday, January 25, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at Anaheim City Hall.

Public Input: Vice Chair Lori Dinwiddie 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**
Vice Chair Lori Dinwiddie called the meeting of the Anaheim Sister City Commission (ASCC) to order at 4:03 p.m. on Monday, January 28, 2019 at the Anaheim City Manager’s Office, City Hall, 200 S. Anaheim Blvd., 7th Floor, Anaheim, California.

- II. **FLAG SALUTE**
Paul Kott led the Flag Solute.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Paul Anderson offered a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Larry Larsen AND MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 8-0; Abstained Jackie Filbeck and Anna Piercy; Absent: Taline Cole, Jerry O’Keefe and Brigitte Rodgers; and, two vacant seats) that the Anaheim Sister City Commission does hereby approve the minutes from the ASCC meeting held on October 22, 2018 as presented.

IV. APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Jim Dinwiddie presented the latest copy of the Treasurer’s Report dated January 23, 2019 with a current balance of \$10,557.55 and noted there had been no changes since the last report.

MOTION: Commissioner Paul Anderson offered a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Anna Piercy AND MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 10-0; Absent: Taline Cole, Jerry O’Keefe and Brigitte Rodgers; and, two vacant seats) that the Anaheim Sister City Commission does hereby approve the Treasurer’s Report dated January 23, 2019.

Chair Taline Cole joined the meeting.

V. MITO OUTBOUND STUDENT EXCHANGE

Chair Taline Cole reported the Commission received thirteen applications for the 2019 Mito Outbound Student Exchange. There were a couple of applications that the Commission had trouble printing. Kimberly is going to reach out to the students and have the applications resent. Chair Cole thanked Commissioner Anthony Al-Jamie for his follow-up in getting students to apply. She indicated that is the most students they have had apply since she has been on the Commission.

Commissioner Jim Dinwiddie is going to put all the applications in one file and have them ready for the interview process. He reminded the Commission the Meet and Greet would take place on February 6 at 6:00 pm at the Downtown Community Center and that the interviews will take place on February 13 at 5pm at the same location. Commissioner Dinwiddie asked for volunteers to be on the interview panel and passed around a sign-up sheet.

Commissioner Filbeck read correspondence from Melody Hirayama who teaches Japanese at Loara High School notifying her that some of her students had applied for the Outbound Student Exchange and that she hopes they get a chance to go.

Chair Taline Cole announced the outbound students would be leaving LAX on June 20 arriving at Narita, Japan on June 21 and returning to LAX on July 2. The dates of the inbound students have also been confirmed. The students will be arriving on Friday, July 26 and leaving on Monday, August 5.

Chair Taline Cole reported she got two applications for chaperones. They are from a teacher and the principal at Emerson School. They would be willing to go together and are both very excited for this opportunity.

Commissioner Filbeck reminded the Commission to start thinking of what gifts they can donate for the trip to Mito. Gifts for the principals, for bus drivers, shuttle drivers and others they meet on the trip.

VI. FUNDRAISER

Commissioner Lori Dinwiddie confirmed the fundraiser would be on Thursday, March 28 at the Anaheim Brewery at approximately 6 p.m. They are going to sell tickets in advance and will have a silent auction. If they cater through K&A and allow for one drink ticket, the cost would be \$40.00 with \$20.00 going to expenses. They can have anywhere from 75 to 80 people.

Commissioner L. Dinwiddie has two baskets with Japanese goodies that will send home the Sister City vibe.

Chair Taline Cole asked Kimberly to see if the City Manager and the City Council could give some tickets for the silent auction. She asked Commission and staff to bring the items donated to the February ASCC meeting.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Kott donated items from Mito, Japan that were given to his father, Dr. William Kott in 1976 while he served on the Anaheim City Council when the Sister City relationship with Mito was established. He hopes the items can be displayed somewhere in the City and if not, he would like to get them back. Kimberly Kelemen received the items and is going to check where they can be displayed, if not on the display on the 1st floor of City Hall, possibly at the Muzeo.

Commissioner Anna Piercy suggested once they find a home for the items, that the Commission send Mr. Paul Kott and Dr. William Kott a thank you note for the artifacts and let them know where they ended up.

David Bracey reported the Sister City International, Southern California Chapter had their annual retreat on January 19, 2019 at the Anaheim Downtown Community Center. The next meeting will be on March 9 in Laguna Beach.

VIII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Taline Cole announced the Commission is going to need a Chair for the Mito Inbound Subcommittee and asked for volunteers. There being no volunteers, the Commission decided to select the Chair of Inbound Subcommittee at the February ASCC meeting.

IX. STAFF COMMENTS

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m. to Monday, February 25, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at the Anaheim City Hall, City Manager's Office Large Conference Room.