

**CITY OF ANAHEIM
SISTER CITY COMMISSION**

MINUTES

July 25, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Kevin Barrot, Elizabeth Jabaz, James Dinwiddie II,
Lori Dinwiddie, Dara Maleki, Brian Stanley

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Brian O’Neal, Germaine Neumann, Paul Anderson,
Emily Fuentes Taline Cole, Anna Piercy, LaShe
Rodriguez, (Two Vacant Seats)

STAFF PRESENT: Kimberly Kelemen, Community Services

GUESTS PRESENT: None

Agenda Posting: A complete copy of the Anaheim Sister City Commission Agenda was posted on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at Anaheim City Hall.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lori Dinwiddie called the Anaheim Sister City Commission (ASCC) meeting to order at 4:18 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2022.

II. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner James Dinwiddie led the flag salute.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Did not have a quorum, approval of minutes was continued to the August 22, 2022 meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT

Did not have a quorum, approval of minutes was continued to the August 22, 2022 meeting.

V. MITO VIRTUAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

Chair Lori Dinwiddie spoke to Mr. Wong and wanted to get going on the virtual exchange, but Chair Lori Dinwiddie explained to him it would not be possible this year and should move it to the following year. Chair Lori Dinwiddie asked to have a discussion on the in-person exchange in the near future.

- VI. DISCUSS LETTER FROM CITY MANAGER TO VICTORIA-GASTEIZ
Staff member Kimberly explained she did not have copy of letter from City Manager yet. This will be discussed further at the next meeting on August 22.
- VII. DISCUSS UPLOADED AND APPROVED GUIDELINES/APPLICATION FOR POTENTIAL SISTER CITIES
Per Staff member Kimberly Kelemen, the application is having some technical difficulties but is working with IT to get it fixed. As of right now, one would print and scan to Sister City email. Once it is fixed, it will be fillable and ready to submit online.
- VIII. FUNDRAISING
Commissioner Dara Maleki discussed fundraising and getting out to schools about the student exchange program. He also discussed researching grants to help with cost. Commissioner Brian Stanley talked about reaching out to Japanese corporations to help with school items, clothing, or even snacks. Commissioner Dara Maleki talked about using the FRAN transportation to help with getting the kids around in the area. Commissioner Dara Maleki stated he along with Commissioners Taline Cole and Emily Fuentes would be getting together the following week to discuss potential outreach with hotels, restaurants, etc.
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT
None.
- X. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
Commissioner Elizabeth Jabaz commented she sent out an email to the Mexican Consulate regarding possible interested cities to join as a Sister City and a few cities came back that were interested. Two applications were turned in for the cities of Oaxaca Mexico and Durango for review. Commissioner Elizabeth Jabaz further explained she has very close ties to Durango and already has many contacts if they were to be chosen. Chair Lori Dinwiddie made a comment and agreed with Commissioner Dara Maleki that there should be and will be some research on the safety and risk factors in the cities that are or will be reviewed. Chair Lori Dinwiddie requested this discussion to be put on the agenda for the following month for a possible guest representative from Oaxaca Mexico in the near future.
- XI. STAFF COMMENTS
None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m. to Monday, August 22, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.