

**CITY OF ANAHEIM
SISTER CITY COMMISSION**

MINUTES

August 22, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Jabaz, James Dinwiddie II, Lori Dinwiddie, Dara Maleki, Paul Anderson, Emily Fuentes, LaShe Rodriguez, Anna Piercy

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Kevin Barrot, Brian O’Neal, Germaine Neumann, Taline Cole, Brian Stanley, (Two Vacant Seats)

STAFF PRESENT: Kimberly Kelemen, Community Services
Karen Harrell, City Administration

GUESTS PRESENT: None

Agenda Posting: A complete copy of the Anaheim Sister City Commission Agenda was posted on Thursday, August 19, 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 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 22, 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 September 26, 2022 meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT

Vice-Chair Paul Anderson presented the Treasurer’s Report dated July 20, 2022 and August 19, 2022 with a balance of \$15,800.36 and noted there has been no changes in the account since February 2020.

MOTION: Vice-Chair Paul Anderson offered a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Dara Maleki, AND MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 8-0; Absent: Kevin Barrot, Brian O’Neal, Germaine Neumann, Taline Cole, Brian Stanley,

(Two Vacant Seats) that the Anaheim Sister City Commission does hereby approve the Treasurer's Report dated July 20, 2022 and August 19, 2022 as presented.

V. MITO VIRTUAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

Commissioner James Dinwiddie spoke to Japan and they are not ready. They asked to wait and talk about it again toward September and now looking into 2024. In addition, Chair Lori Dinwiddie along with Commissioner Jim Dinwiddie are trying to figure out timing since we are on opposite time clocks.

VI. DISCUSS LETTER FROM CITY MANAGER TO VICTORIA-GASTEIZ

Commissioners that were present reviewed a sample of a past letter for Assistant City Manager Greg Garcia to send to new contact along with some Anaheim items in hopes to continue communication and relationship.

VII. DISCUSS APPLICATIONS FOR OAXACA AND DURANGO AND NEXT STEPS

Chair Lori Dinwiddie confirmed with Commissioner Elizabeth Jabaz if she will be the main contact for both the cities of Oaxaca and Durango. Commissioner Elizabeth Jabaz confirmed. She went on to explain that September 15 is election time for the City of Durango. She was asked to hold off on the process until after elections. Chair Lori Dinwiddie then asked Commissioner Elizabeth Jabaz to do a presentation for the Commission at an upcoming meeting soon as she is ready.

VIII. FUNDRAISING

Commissioner LaShe informed the Commission about planned fundraiser October 19, 2022 at the Anaheim Hotel. They are also working on a sponsorship letter to send out to local businesses and contacts. Commissioner LaShay suggested a \$10,000 Fundraising goal to try and cover as much as possible for the students. Based on Commissioner comments, Commissioner Dara Maleki suggested raising it to \$25,000. Commissioner LaShay suggests reaching out and focusing on past host families and/or students to bring light to what the Sister City Student Exchange works and their experience. Commissioner Dara Maleki brought up the question of outreach and how far out will they be reaching out to, since Anaheim School District goes outside of the City. The rule is it needs to be within the Anaheim School District and an Anaheim resident to be eligible.

IX. MOTION TO APPROVE UPCOMING FUNDRAISING SISTER CITY COMMISSION EVENT

Chair Lori Dinwiddie presented the finalized Fundraising event that will take place on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 and offered a motion to approve the event.

MOTION: Commissioner Emily Fuentes offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Elizabeth Jabaz AND MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 8-0; Absent; Kevin Barrot, Brian O’Neal, Germaine Neumann, Taline Cole, Brian Stanley, (Two Vacant Seats) that the Anaheim Sister City Commission does hereby approve the upcoming Fundraising event taking place on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 as presented.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

XI. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

NA.

XII. STAFF COMMENTS

Staff Member Kimberly Kelemen updated the Commission on the recently uploaded “fillable” forms on the Sister City page on the Anaheim website. She did ask the commissioners to review and get back to her with updated information and/or language and dates for applications.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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