

**MINUTES OF THE SISTER CITIES PROGRAM COMMITTEE FOR THE MEETING
HELD ON JUNE 6, 2019**

AGENDA

- 1. Call Meeting to order and the establishment of a quorum**
Meeting was called to order at 1 P.M.
- 2. Roll Call**
Present: Chair Sherry Rooks, Vice Chair Sidney Tregre, CM Leah Tuten, CM Stephen Duncan, Pam Williams; Joe Cappadona
Absent: Gilbert Zamora
- 3. Request to address the Board. Each person is limited to three minutes**
N/A
- 4. Approve the minutes from April 18, 2019**
BM Stephen Duncan motion to approve minutes as presented
Chair Rooks Second
Unanimously approved
- 5. Vote on deciding a time, date, and place every month for the Sister Cities Program Committee (Sidney)**
BM Stephen Duncan motion to meet every 2nd Thursday of the month at 1 pm here at City Hall for the Committee and for the "Social" it was set for June 27th at the KC Hall on 7 1/2 Mile Road and Stewart at 6:00 p.m.
Chair Rooks Second
Unanimously approved
- 6. Discussion and voting to recommend to the Council dissolving the following Sister Cities: Trivandrum, India and Armavir, Armenia (Chair/BM Duncan)**
Chair Rooks passed out a sample letters to the committee to proof read in order to dissolve the dormant Sister Cities.
Chair Rooks made a motion to follow through the two letters; the first letter to inquire to show that we have attempted one last time and the other letter following through with the actual dissolution of the two Sister Cities mentioned and given 60 days for the time frame between the two letters.
Second by BM Leah Tuten.
Unanimously approved.
- 7. Discuss and approve recommendations for new Sister Cities.**
Chair Rooks motioned to defer recommending the new city in India until the next meeting in July
BM Stephen Duncan Second
Unanimously approved

BM Tregre spoke on Macharaviaya, Spain.
Chair Rooks said that her suggestion is that she should meet again with Bill Adriance to go over and clarify some issues first; from there moving forward when we find out the information either

which way the major contributions have come, that as we move forward into a New Sister Cities Agreement with them, that we make certain that the credit goes where credit is due. BM Cappadona mentioned if they can invite Bill Adriance to the Social. For the record Chair Rooks stated that Bernando de Galvez's hometown will always go first which is Macharaviaya, Spain.

Chair Rooks made a motion that the committee be able to formally "inquire only" of the two cities if they would be interested in a Sister Cities Relationship.

BM Tregre Second

Unanimously approved

8. Give direction of placing the Policies and Procedures on the City Website.

Chair Rooks gave Assistant City Secretary to place the Policies and Procedures on the City of Galveston Website

9. Niigata Update:

Email from Maki Sato announcing the new bosses with letter attached from Hiroaki Kaneko, The New Foreign Affairs Division Director (Chair)

Chair Rooks passed out pictures of the New Directors for the foreign affairs division and read the email from Maki.

Also the Niigata Artists are coming back to Galveston to give two Workshops (July 31st thru August 12, 2019)

10. Stavanger Update:

The meeting Chair Sherry Rooks attended in Houston (Chair)

Chair Rooks spoke on the meeting she attended in Houston.

Sister City Stavanger is coming to Galveston (March 24, 2020) and we are to Host them this is all still in the planning process.

Asst. City Secretary spoke on the funding line item on Sister Cities of how it will grow as we progress. BM Joe Cappadona is to find out if we can get the place at \$33 a night for the Artist to stay. BM Leah Tuten spoke on how we should go to a nice dinner to show our dedication to us being a working relationship.

11. Veracruz Update:

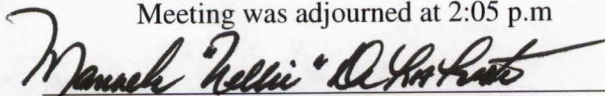
Letter sent to Veracruz from Chair Sherry Rooks (Chair)

Chair Rooks spoke on how the Committee has been invited to Vera Cruz.

Chair Rooks will answer back stating that it will take a little time before we can go but that we are thrilled about it.

12. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m


Manuela "Nellie" De La Fuente, TRMC
Assistant City Secretary