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SISTER CITIES Committee of the Whole Meeting

Hanover Park Police Headquarters – Community Room
2011 Lake St - Hanover Park, IL 60133
Tuesday, January 14, 2014
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER–ROLL CALL:**

Chair Linda McCance Packham called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

PRESENT: Committee Linda McCance Packham, Arnulfo Flores, Pam
Members: Fowler, Adelaide Grant-Acquah, Frank Grant-
Acquah, Priscilla Oppong Ntiamoah, , Maria
Pineda, Gustavo Pineda.

ABSENT: Committee Mary Harrison, Gladys Lawson.
Members:

ALSO PRESENT: Village Trustee James Kemper, Robert Packham
Sandra Amoako Packham, Bertha Lamptey
Staff Liaisons Sheryl Donovan and Kathleen Arnold

2. **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Adelaide Grant-Acquah to accept the agenda. Second by Pamela Fowler.
Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

3. **PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS:**

Please read the email letter from Linda regarding attendance and participation. The committee has been struggling to obtain a quorum. If you can't participate on a consistent basis, you may always attend meetings and participate in activities without being a formal member.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Pamela Fowler to approve minutes of the October 8, 2013 meeting. Second by Frank Grant-Acquah. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

5. **ACTION ITEMS:**

5-a. Trustee Kemper – The Village budget is moving from a fiscal year to a calendar year. The budget will be tight. Reductions are not expected. However, there will be no increases either. The next financial meeting is January 27, 2014. The Village will be looking to increase revenues with new business, like Tony’s Finer Foods, a new tire store, and a new tool store. The February meeting will be a budget workshop. Linda asked the committee, “Any questions on the budget we submitted?” There were no questions.

5-b. Proposed activity to support FY2015 goals –
As brought up in October, get-togethers with other towns, Bartlett, Hoffman Estates, Carol Stream. Bring back Tri-City. The committee was in favor of pursuing this idea. Possible venues? HPPD Community Room with cookies and coffee. the Streamwood Library. Possible dates? Saturdays, 1-3pm or 2-4pm? May before Memorial Day, May 17? Sue Krauser could send invitations to area Mayors. “Get together for neighboring Sister Cities”, “Co-Sister Cities Jumping Jamboree”, “Neighboring Sister Cities...”. Linda to set up outline. She’s looking for volunteers to help with the planning..

6. **TOWNHALL SESSION:**

Robert Packham formally introduced his and Linda’s daughter, Sandra. Here from Ghana with their friend, Bertha. Bertha is a nurse who brings patients to Illinois Masonic Hospital. This is Sandra’s first trip to America. One of her favorite things here is snow, and wearing a coat, hat, boots. They are staying until January 24, 2014.

7. **OLD BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS):**

There is still some interest in a Sister City in Nagashwari, Bangladesh. However, the political situation in Northern Bangladesh is not good, still looking for personal relationships

8. **NEW BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS):**

8-a. The Awards dinner is January 31, 2014. Please RSVP. Please wear native dress. Giveaways are from Cape Coast, mini purses for cell phones or makeup. Start thinking about next year’s giveaway. Maybe it should be a Valparaiso item, like leather?

8-b. The Kids at Hope Fair is March 29, 2014. Sister Cities will have a table.

8-c. Maria shared news from her trip to Valparaiso. There is a wonderful parade, craft show and nice variety of other activities for the Revolution. All schools and students participate in this event. The committee was asked to seriously consider attending the fair in November 2014. Valparaiso has visited here twice. It is our turn to make an effort. Flights out of Midway, nonstop 4 hours. Additional 2 hours for the drive. Trustee Kemper is willing to discuss at Village meetings.

8-d. Adelaide asked about Black History Month plans. Trustee Kemper is attending the Martin Luther King breakfast in Hoffman Estates on March 23, 2014. Contact Village Clerk Eira Corral for tickets. Let's plan something for next year, possibly partner with the Cultural Diversity Committee.

8-e. Maria is not getting any responses on the fax machine. Linda to check with Mayor Craig.

8-f. The head of the Spanish Club has retired. We need to find a new contact.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Adelaide Grant-Acquah to adjourn at 8:11 pm. Second by Arnulfo Flores. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes recorded and transcribed by:

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Linda McCance Packham
Chair, Hanover Park Sister Cities Committee