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SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

**Municipal Building: 2121 W. Lake Street
Hanover Park, IL 60133**

**Tuesday, January 11, 2011
7:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

Chair Linda McCance Packham called meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Linda McCance Packham, Pamela Fowler, Adelaide
Members: Grant-Acquah, Frank Grant-Acquah, Mary
Harrison, Gustavo Pineda, Maria Pineda, Juan
Silva, Rita Silva. Arnulfo Flores arrived at
7:57 p.m.)

ABSENT: Committee Ruth N. Ayukesong-Bokwe, Gladys Lawson
Members:

ALSO PRESENT: Board Liaison Eira Corral, Past Trustee Robert Packham, Staff
Liaison Katherine Perez

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion made by Pamela to accept the Agenda. Seconded by Mary. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. PRESENTATIONS/ REPORTS:

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Pamela to approve the minutes of December 14, 2010 meeting. Seconded by Frank. No discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. ACTION ITEMS:

5-a. Juliana Adade – Information was shared about the tragic death of Ms. Adade of Ghana who was killed in a car accident over the Christmas holiday. Her funeral, and that of her two younger step-brothers, took place over the past

weekend. Ms Adade was a charming and bright young lady, and she became known to many people in the community during her visit in Hanover Park in September 2009. Ms. Adade was the guest of Village Manager Ron & Dawn Moser during her stay at which time she met Village officials, employees and several members of the Sister Cities Committee. Juliana is fondly remembered, and prayers are extended to her family for their loss and for the full recovery of Juliana's two brothers who were also in the car accident.

- 5-b. FY12 budget discussion – With the expansion of the Sister Cities Committee and the addition of the new Sister Cities relationship with Valparaiso, the committee feels that the amount of the budget request for FY12 needs to be increased. This increase would be earmarked to cover registration fees (only) associated with member participation at international conferences. Accordingly, the committee requests that the FY12 budget include \$4,200 in cost center 03-71 to cover the anticipated registration fees of two members each at the Sister Cities International Conference (\$1,000); African Global Conference (\$1,000) and United States/Mexico Sister Cities Conference(\$1,000), and the registration fee of 12 members at the Illinois State Convention (\$1,200).

During the FY12 budget discussion, Board Liaison Corral advised that changes in policy are being researched and that there may be a provision that would allow for groups to solicit donations within certain parameters. The committee requested to be kept up to date on this issue, and Board Liaison Corral offered to bring more information forward at the next meeting.

- 5-c. Meeting Schedule for the Committee of the Whole (COTW) and Sub-Committees – Chair Linda reviewed the Sister Cities 2011 Meeting schedule with focus of the meetings rotating on a quarterly basis. In the calendar year, the COTW will meet the first month of each quarter, the Cape Coast sub-committee will meet the second month of each quarter, and the Valparaiso sub-committee will meet the third month of each quarter. All members are requested to participate in the meetings of the Committee of the Whole and they are also welcome to attend the meetings of both sub-committees. Board Liaison Corral will advise of the quorum requirements for the meetings of each sub-committee, and Chair Linda advised that she would be taking the minutes of the sub-committee meetings.
- 5-d. Sister Cities International Conference, Arlington, Virginia (March 3-5, 2011) –

Chair Linda requested that members contact her by the end of the week if they have an interest in attending the International Conference in March.

- 5-e. Illinois State Convention, Tinley Park (April 1-2, 2011) – The Illinois State Convention is held annually in the early Spring, and this year it will take place at the Holiday Inn in Tinley Park. Convention promotion material will be forthcoming as registration is typically completed in February. Upon receipt of the State convention material, the registration form will be forwarded to the committee members for them to fill in and select the activities/workshops they will attend.
- 5-f. Hanover Park-Cape Coast Sister Cities 20th Anniversary – Chair Linda verified that the Friendship Agreement with Cape Coast was signed in July 1992, and accordingly the 20th anniversary will be recognized during 2012. An ad hoc committee will need to be formed to develop ideas and coordinate activities in recognition of the Hanover Park-Cape Coast 20th anniversary. In the event the African Global Conferences take place in Chicago in July 2012, attendees from the conference may also be interested in attending the Hanover Park-Cape Coast 20th anniversary activities.

6. TOWNHALL SESSION:

None.

7. OLD BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS):

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS):

Board Liaison Corral advised the committee that she had received a message from a member of the Environmental Committee expressing an interest in exploring the possibility of working on a water project. Chair Linda requested that the contact information be forwarded to her so that she could make the return call and obtain more information.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Adelaide to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Second by Arnulfo. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes recorded and transcribed by:

Katherine Perez, Staff Liaison

Linda McCance Packham
Chair, Hanover Park Sister Cities Committee