

Sister Cities Committee
September 14, 2010
Workshop Minutes

Members in Attendance: Chairperson Linda McCance Packham, Pamela Fowler, Adelaide Grant-Acquah; Frank Grant-Acquah attended by conference call; Staff Liaison Katherine Perez.

Also Present: Mayor Rod Craig, Board Liaison Eira Corral.

A quorum was not present. The Chair announced that a workshop would be held instead of a meeting.

Call to Order

The workshop was called to order at 7:45 p.m.

Acceptance of Agenda

No quorum.

Acceptance of Minutes

No quorum.

Valparaiso Highlights

Mayor Craig, Chair Linda McCance Packham and Clerk Corral passed around memorabilia, literature and photos from the visit in Zacatecas, Mexico (September 7-10, 2010). The travel delegation shared details of the signing of the Sister Cities Friendship Agreement, other activities/events and project visits. It was agreed that the HP delegation was warmly received by the wonderful citizens in Valparaiso and Zacatecas. The Valparaiso Sister Cities citizen group is curious about Hanover Park Village administration and organization, and they requested to know more about Sister Cities goal-setting, recognition, accomplishments, budget information, and the Cape Coast relationship.

During the Valparaiso visit there was a conversation with the Principal of the primary school concerning the possible formation of a pen pal program with students in Hanover Park. The Principal was also appreciative of the gifts some of which will be used as incentives for the students.

Going forward consideration can be given to exploring possible cultural activities with participation by a woman from UCLA who operates a crafts project to benefit residents of a local indigenous village, Valparaiso-born artist Figueras and Ghanaian artist Samuel Akenya.

Preliminary Budget Discussion

Chair Linda McCance Packham is recommending that a budget workshop be scheduled for October.

The Sister Cities Committee workshop adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Date: 12 October 2010