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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, April 08, 2014
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER–ROLL CALL:**

Chair Linda McCance Packham called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm.

PRESENT: Committee Linda McCance Packham, Arnulfo Flores,
Members: Adelaide Grant-Acquah, Frank Grant-Acquah,
Maria Pineda, Gustavo Pineda.

ABSENT: Committee Pamela Fowler, Mary Harrison, Gladys Lawson
Members: , Priscilla Oppong Ntiamoah.

ALSO PRESENT: Village Trustee James Kemper, Village Trustee
John Kunkel, Robert Packham
Staff Liaisons Kathleen Arnold

2. **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Maria Pineda to accept the agenda. Second by Arnulfo Flores.

Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

3. **PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS:**

No reports or presentations.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Frank Grant-Acquah to approve minutes of the January 14, 2014 meeting.

Second by Adelaide Grant-Acquah. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

5. **ACTION ITEMS:**

5-a. Review of recent activities:

Award Reception, January 31, 2014 was very nice. Linda Packham would like

to see gifts from Sister Cities for the January 2015 Award Reception. The Hanover Park Village Manager would like to see samples and please remember to be mindful of budget when making choices.

Kids of Hope Fair, March 29, 2014 was held at the Park District Dome. Approximately 200 people attended. Sister Cities gave out 50 handouts for the Pen Pal Program and International Understanding. The attendance was good and consisted of mostly families. Trustee James Kemper said he was surprised by the turnout. Ethnic Diversity was well displayed graphically.

- 5-b. Illinois Sister Cities Association Conference – April 12 and 13, 2014: Frank and Adelaide Grant-Acquah will be attending. The timing of this year’s conference was not good as it coincided with Palm Sunday and Art Appreciation Around the World. Linda Packham explained that the state by-laws dictate the conference must be held annually in April. When the conference began they did not realize how large it would become and all the issues that arise with having the hotel/conference center near a University.

Art Appreciation Around the World – Saturday, April 12, 2014 at Poplar Creek Library on Park Ave from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. Sister Cities will have a table and displaying leather goods and bead work. Linda Packham informed Arnulfo that everyone loved the messenger bags.

Consulado General De Mexico En Chicago Reception to honor the Relationships Between American Cities in the Midwest and Cities in Mexico, through the Sister Cities Program – May 9, 2014. Attending will be Eira Corral, Linda Packham, Maria and Gustavo Pineda, Arnulfo Flores, Frank and Adelaide Grant-Acquah. As well as other Sister Cities groups including Sue Minott.

Sister Cities International Conference – July 31, 2014 – August 2, 2014 in San Jose, CA at the Fairmont San Jose Hotel. Frank Grant-Acquah will be attending. The theme “The Power of Digital Diplomacy”

- 5-c. Get together for neighboring Sister Cities groups will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2014 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, in the Hanover Park Police Headquarters Community Room. The invitations will be sent next week using a list Sue Krauser from the Village of Hanover Park will provide. In addition invitations will be sent to local Sister Cities groups in the immediate area. (Five surrounding towns: Carol Stream, Streamwood, Elk Grove Village) This

will be an informal event to answer questions about Sister Cities.

6. **TOWNHALL SESSION:**

None.

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

Linda Packham continued the discussion about a trip to Valparaiso Mexico. Maria and Gustavo Pineda traveled there in November for the Revolution. They thought it was very festive and the weather was nice. Linda Packham spoke with the Village of Hanover Park , Village Manager and feels it would be a good opportunity to go back the week of November 20, 2014 (week before Thanksgiving, Tuesday - Friday) and have at least one Village of Hanover Park official go as well. Maria Pineda stated they have a direct flight now from Midway Airport. More information and specifics will be obtained to discuss at a later meeting.

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

8-a. Maria Pineda got in touch with Ms. Mellon the principal for the school pen pal program. The Bi-lingual teacher will discuss with the five classrooms and whoever wants to participate can. Maria will work with the Valparaiso Principal to finalize all the details. Good job Maria!

8-b. Linda Packham received an email from the Principal of Glenbrook Elementary School in Streamwood. They have a Pen Pal relationship with a school in Cape Coast for a long time.

8-c. Per Linda Packham Head Lion – Phyllis Arthur - Simpson will be here on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 for a Lions Meeting in the evening. Linda Packham thought it would be nice if she could have a tour of the Village of Hanover Park. Linda Packham has known Lion Phyllis for years and she has been a great help to Cape Coast.

8-d. Trustee John Kunkel informed the committee they are cleaning out the storage area for the Historical Committee and found many items belonging to Sister Cities Committee. He suggested either Linda or Frank come to the village to see the items and decide what to keep and what should be displayed in the lobby display window. When Sister Cities has decided they can contact him or any other member of the Historical Committee. The Historical Committee will rotate the display every six months. Linda Packham said Sister Cities have some really nice artifacts.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Adelaide Grant-Acquah to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Second by Maria Pineda.
Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes recorded and transcribed by:

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