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## VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK

### SISTER CITIES Committee of the Whole

**Municipal Complex – Room 214  
2121 W. Lake Street – Hanover Park, IL 60133  
Tuesday, July 21, 2015  
7:00 p.m.**

### MINUTES

#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL:**

Chair Linda McCance Packham called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Committee Linda McCance Packham, Adelaide Grant-Acquah, Frank  
Members: Grant-Acquah, Maria Pineda, Herb Porter

**ABSENT:** Committee Arnulfo Flores, Pamela Fowler, Mary Harrison,  
Members: Gustavo Pineda

**ALSO PRESENT:** Robert Packham, Interim Staff Liaison Katherine Perez

#### 2. **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Herb Porter to accept agenda. Second by Maria Pineda. Voice Vote: All ayes.  
Motion carried.

#### 3. **PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS:**

None

#### 4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Herb Porter to approve minutes of the April 14, 2015 meeting. Second by Frank  
Grant-Acquah. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried. No discussion.

#### 5. **ACTION ITEMS:**

5-a. Budget Discussion – Calendar Year 2016. Members provided input regarding the status  
of 2015 goals/objectives. Ongoing activity was noted for recruiting committee  
members; meeting with other local Sister Cities groups to share experiences;  
encouraging elected official participation at Sister Cities-related events; pursuing  
school-to-school relations Hanover Park, Cape Coast and Valparaiso (penpal,  
competitions in academics, writing, art, athletics and community service); and exploring  
grants and alternative funding support of Sister Cities activities.

Completed 2015 goals/objectives include attending the Illinois State Conference (February) and the International Convention (July); awarding scholarships to students in Cape Coast and Valparaiso (3<sup>rd</sup> quarter); and assisting with Hanover Park Primary School students' general needs (3<sup>rd</sup> quarter). The goal of pursuing communication and activities with Negeshwari, Bangladesh had to be suspended due to the on-going civil unrest in that region.

Discussion also covered additional activities that have been carried out and accomplished by the committee. A very successful Black History Month Celebration was organized and took place in February. Table gifts from Valparaiso were contributed for the Village's Annual Award Night reception in January. Members attended Chicago's GhanaFest in July. Committee members will volunteer and assist with St. Ansgar's Mexican Independence parade and related activities in September. September 2015 will mark the Fifth Year Anniversary of the Hanover Park-Valparaiso Sister Cities relationship, and it's anticipated that recognition for this milestone will be arranged, possibly in conjunction with a Village Board meeting.

Review of completed and ongoing goals/objectives was helpful in drafting the 2016 goals/objectives. Following are the proposed 2016 goals/objectives:

- Recruit new members.
- Engage local Sister City groups to meet together and share experiences; and participate in area cultural events.
- Encourage more participation by elected officials in Hanover Park, Cape Coast and Valparaiso as well as Police and Fire Departments.
- Engage community service groups (e.g., Lions, Scouts) and Village committees in opportunities to interact internationally; and develop strategies for greater visibility and exposure of Sister Cities.
- Award scholarships to students in Cape Coast and Valparaiso.
- Assist with Hanover Park Primary School students' general needs.
- Attend local, state and international Sister City conferences.
- Pursue school-to-school relationships with Cape Coast, Valparaiso and Hanover Park (penpal, competitions in academics, art, writing and athletics) and community service.
- Explore Sister City relationships with China and India to better reflect the diversity of Hanover Park and to increase its attractiveness to the community, to result in more participation as per objective number one.
- Develop a Sister Cities brochure.
- Host 2016 Black History Month event.
- Sponsor a booth at the Mexican Independence Celebration.
- Explore grants and alternative funding that supports Sister Cities' activities.

The Committee will request a proposed budget amount of \$6,500 to help subsidize activities and related expenses as follows:

- Association Membership Dues (International, Illinois, Mexican/US), \$780
- Postage and office supplies, \$220
- Registration fees (International Conference, State Conference, US/Mexico Conference, African Global), \$2,700
- Special events (scholarships, Hanover Park Primary School general needs, receptions for visiting dignitaries from Valparaiso and Cape Coast), \$2,800

**6. TOWNHALL SESSION:**

None.

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

- 7-a. “Crowd Funding” update was provided by Chair Linda.
- 7-b. Zacatecamps Festival – Maywood – July 19
- 7-c. GhanaFest – Washington Park – July 25

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

- 8-a. Valparaiso Sister Cities – Five Year Anniversary, September 2015. Village Administration will be approached regarding a proposed reception to recognize the Hanover Park-Valparaiso anniversary.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Adelaide Grant-Acquah to adjourn at 9:22 p.m. Second by Maria Pineda. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes recorded and transcribed by:

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Katherine Perez, Interim Staff Liaison

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Linda McCance Packham  
Chair, Hanover Park Sister Cities Committee