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VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE Cape Coast Sub Committee Meeting

**Hanover Park Municipal Complex – Room 123
2121 Lake Street – Hanover Park, IL 60133
Tuesday, February 9, 2016
7:00 p.m.**

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

Chair Linda McCance Packham called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Linda McCance Packham, Trustee Herb Porter, Adelaide
Members: Grant-Acquah, Frank Grant-Acquah
ABSENT: Committee Trustee James Kemper, Mary Harrison, Gladys Lawson,
Members: Priscilla Oppong-Ntiamoah
ALSO PRESENT: Eva Porter, Robert Packham, Sandra Porter, Interim Staff
Liaison Katherine Perez

2. **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:**

Motion made by Trustee Porter to accept the agenda. Second by Frank. Voice vote: all ayes.
Motion carried.

3. **PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS:**

None.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Frank to approve minutes of December 15, 2015 meeting. Second by Trustee
Porter. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

5. **ACTION ITEMS:**

5-a. Finalize plans and logistics for Black History Month Event (February 13) – The order of
the program and songs was clarified. Linda showed the draft of the program and the
committee made some last minute suggestions. Reception/refreshments to start at
1:00 p.m. and program will begin at 2:00 p.m. with welcome, pledge, reading of
proclamation, presentation by Cheb Blackshear, performance by Faubourg Ballet
students, book presentation, door prize drawing (Chicago Defender book), singing and
vote of thanks. Desserts are being ordered from Priscilla's.

5-b. Review of Sister Cities Brochure – Draft Sister Cities Committee brochure distributed. Everyone was pleased with the results. The committee hopes to take the finalized version of the brochure to share at the Illinois State Conference in April.

6. TOWNHALL SESSION:

Persons wishing to address the public body must register prior to Call to Order. Please note that public comment is limited to 5 minutes per speaker.

7. OLD BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS):

7-a. 2016 Trip to Cape Coast - There was a discussion of the actual dates, activities, required immunizations (Yellow Fever) and recommended immunizations. Frank said he would put together the travel details in the near future. He commented that it is easier to fly out of New York for a direct flight to Accra on Delta. Air fare is estimated to be \$1,400-\$1,800, and deposits would be due by May 31st. The Travel Clinic at DuPage County Health Department offers vaccinations. A visa is required and must include airline tickets. Passports must be valid with at least six months remaining prior to expiration. Preliminary travel dates of August 29 and return on September 9, inclusive of travel time, would allow for attendance at part of the festival; visits to name-sake school (although classes will not be in session), other schools we support, hospital, police headquarters, palace, castle, other historic sites, production facility where fabric is manufactured, and the fishing village on the beach. A Ghana travel reference book was passed around for review during the meeting and is on loan until the next Cape Coast sub-committee meeting in May.

8. NEW BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS):

8-a. SCI Awards – Trustee Porter suggested that the committee consider getting area students involved in SCI competitions for the youth award and young artist showcase. Discussion followed. In the past getting student participation has been a challenge with teachers here saying that the required extra activity is hard to fit in. This topic can be placed on the next Cape Coast meeting agenda. If participation/sponsorship in these SCI youth competitions is pursued, the expense of it will have to be considered with the committee's 2017 budget request. It was noted that Naperville does a good job with its youth art exhibit.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Adelaide to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Second by Trustee Porter. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes recorded and transcribed by:

Katherine Perez, Interim Staff Liaison

Linda McCance Packham
Chair, Hanover Park Sister Cities Committee