

**Sister Cities Committee**  
**August 10, 2010**  
**Workshop Notes**

**Members in Attendance:** Chairperson Linda McCance Packham, Pamela Fowler, Frank Grant-Acquah, Gustavo Pineda, Maria Pineda. Staff Liaison Katherine Perez.

**Also Present:** Mayor Rod Craig, Board Liaison Eira Corral, HPPD Detective Juan Miranda.

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 7:00 p.m.

**Acceptance of Agenda**

*No quorum.*

**Acceptance of Minutes**

No quorum.

**Valparaiso Activities**

Highlights of the Valparaiso visit schedule were reviewed and updated information was provided by Board Liaison Corral. A request was made to the organizing committee in Valparaiso that a visit to a school be included in the schedule, pending hours of operation.

Information was shared about the need to anticipate possible flight delays and possible airline schedule changes in light of the early-August announcement re Mexicana Airlines bankruptcy filing. Tickets purchased by Mayor Craig, Clerk Corral and Chair McCance Packham have flights booked on Mexicana Flight #7985 & #804 for the return to Chicago on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Although Mexicana Airline tickets will be honored by Aeromexico, the flight times are not guaranteed, and it may be necessary for travelers to report to the Aeromexico ticket counter at O'Hare to exchange tickets in advance of the trip.

The friendship agreement is in the process of being translated into Spanish. Chair Linda offered to donate two portfolios that would each hold an English and Spanish version of the agreement.

Following are the gifts that will be presented during the Valparaiso trip:

- Wood carving
- Three proclamations
- Two wine glasses & case of bottled water for welcome toast
- Notepads (20) for Valparaiso Trustees, Department Heads, Federacion President, Part-Owner of Hotel
- Pens (to be purchased pending further research)
- Pins
- Hanover Park 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary mugs
- Hanover Park Flag

Additional pending items include confirmation of ground transportation arrangements and hotel accommodations in Zacatecas for the night of Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Sister Cities Committee workshop adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Signature: 

Date: 12 October 2010