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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 14, 2015
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER–ROLL CALL:**

Chair Linda McCance Packham called the meeting to order at 7:28pm.

PRESENT: Committee Linda McCance Packham, Pamela Fowler, Adelaide
Members: Grant-Acquah, Frank Grant-Acquah, Herb Porter,
Maria Pineda, Mary Harrison

ABSENT: Committee Arnulfo Flores, Gustavo Pineda
Members:

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Craig, Robert Packham, Staff Liaison Sheryl
Donovan

2. **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Maria Pineda to accept the agenda. Second by Mary Harrison. Voice Vote:
All ayes. Motion carried.

3. **PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS:**

None.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Herb Porter to approve minutes of the January 13, 2015 meeting. Second
by Mary Harrison. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

5. **ACTION ITEMS:**

5-a. Sister Cities Illinois State Conference Naperville April 17-18. Saturday is
business meetings and presentations, including Hanover Park. Linda will have
a power point presentation and show slides, including our namesake, Hanover

Primary School. She will discuss our growth and adding a second Sister City in Mexico.

5-b. Sister Cities International Conference Minneapolis July 16-18. Frank is registered. Herb is still working on it. Early registration is extended until tomorrow, April 15, 2015. Mayor Craig suggests emailing Trustee Kemper-Chairman Finance Committee, copy to Village Manager Maller, to please consider travel budget planning for elected officials in next year's budget, if not this year.

6. **TOWNHALL SESSION:**

None

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

7-a. Black History Month event February 21, 2015. Linda thanked Herb for coming up with the idea. Herb thanked the Committee for their hard work. Mayor Craig said it was a nice event. It reflected well on the Committee and Community. A suggestion for next time is soul food from Priscilla's.

7-b. Trip to Valparaiso. The Mayor will not be able to go in May. September is not looking good either. The Mayor will consider next year. September 16 is a good time. Independence Day is celebrated.

This year, Independence Day will be celebrated in Hanover Park on September 12, with a St. Ansgar parade. There is no charge to participate. This is the first year Sister Cities will participate as a group. Decorations include: flags, banners, and costumes. Maria has a trailer. The Mayor will bring his pickup truck.

7-c. Trip to Cape Coast. Laura Johnson, a travel writer who presented in Rockford, is interested in joining the Committee on the next trip. Let's start planning a 2016 trip to allow time to make arrangements. August is an ideal time. It is festival time in Cape Coast.

7-d. Participation in the Farmers Market or Maxwell St. The Mayor is unsure about the future of the Farmers Market. Turn out was not as expected, considering moving locations.

Palatine Sister Cities uses their French Market as a fundraiser. The Mayor is in favor of fundraising since Sister Cities is independent.

Hanover Park hosts Maxwell St in May and September. Sister Cities could have a booth to sell candy or textiles. In the past, we've had carvings and artifacts from Chicago. May would be a possibility. September would be difficult as it may conflict with Mexico Independence Day activities. The committee decided to participate in

Maxwell St on the 3rd Saturday in May, 9:00am. Things to do: Register and rent a booth. Schedule volunteers to work the booth.

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

8-a. Conversation with Elk Grove Sister Cities. The Mayor had a discussion with Elk Grove Village, who has a small network with Woodridge and Bensenville Sister Cities. They have joint fundraisers including a spaghetti dinner, bowling events, and student exchanges. We have difficulty keeping a level of enthusiasm. Maybe we would like to break out of the box? Build some energy by joining this network group. There could be some value in spreading our wings. \$30 per individual. Possibly break away from the Village and set up a long term 501c3 charitable organization and find a benefactor. Hanover Park has core activities like building playrooms and shelters. Also an educational platform in which the Village provides for scholarships. Enthusiasm could be increased by participating in neighboring town events as well as hosting more Hanover Park activities. How are we going to market Hanover Park Sister Cities?

Motion by Adelaide Grant-Acquah for Hanover Park Sister Cities to remain a Village Committee. Second by Pamela Fowler. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

8-b. Flyer to be emailed. US Mexico Sister Cities Organization conference is in Puerto Vallarta May 22-24, 2015.

8-c. Art Around the World exhibit April 25, 2015 Poplar Creek Library 1:00-4:00pm. A good opportunity to show good will and promote our Committee.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Adelaide Grant-Acquah to adjourn at 8:55pm. Second by Maria Pineda. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes recorded and transcribed by:

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