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SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

Valparaiso Sub Committee Meeting

Hanover Park Police Headquarters – Community Room
2011 Lake St - Hanover Park, IL 60133
Tuesday, November 10, 2015
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER–ROLL CALL:**

Chair Linda McCance Packham called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Linda McCance Packham, Village Trustee Herb Porter,
Members: Arnulfo Flores, Gustavo Pineda, Maria Pineda

ABSENT: Committee None
Members:

ALSO PRESENT: None

2. **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:**

Motion made by Arnulfo to accept the agenda. Second by Maria. Voice vote: all ayes.
Motion carried.

3. **PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS:**

None.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Arnulfo to approve minutes of the September 22, 2015 meeting. Second by Gustavo. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

5. **ACTION ITEMS:**

5-a. Last Minute Details of 5-Year Anniversary Celebration - Last minute details were discussed. Cake has been ordered and paper goods purchased. Chair Linda will pick up the cake and take directly to Village Hall; Katherine Perez has offered to help set up the table and start the coffee. All committee members have been requested to arrive early and stay through the presentation of the Proclamation by Mayor Craig. We will share copies with the Mayor of Valparaiso, the Governor of Zacatecas, the Mexican Consulate in Chicago, as well as the Board of the Zacatecanos Federation. Sister Cities International is also providing a congratulatory certificate.

- 5-b. State Conference – Registration - (April 8-9, 2016): We need to initiate the Village check request in early January in order to take advantage of advance registration. The conference will be in Decatur, and the “early bird special” will save each attendee \$30, and includes the Friday banquet dinner and Saturday lunch. All members attending this meeting plan to attend.
- 5-c. International Sister Cities Conference (July 2016) - This will be the 60th Anniversary of SCI. The conference will be held in Washington, DC. We have budget funds to offset the cost of registration, although transportation and hotel is each member’s responsibility.
- 5-d. Mexican Connection to Black History Month - The event date is Saturday, February 13, and we would like to feature the Mexican history that is tied to Africans in the New World. Arnulfo showed a website that discusses the ancient Olmeca civilization. Trustee Porter also mentioned the passages in Henry Louis Gates’ book *Life on These Shores* that refer to Zacatecas.
- 5-e. Brochure Content – Verbiage and Photo Selection - Members are encouraged to think about what they would like in the brochure. We will discuss the brochure during the January Committee of the Whole Meeting.

6. **TOWNHALL SESSION:**

None.

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

- 7-a. Pen Pal Program – Ontarioville School - Trustee Porter spoke to a U-46 school board member who advised that the principal of each school has the latitude to take on extracurricular projects. Dr. Elizabeth Ma has been invited to the Valparaiso Five-Year Anniversary Celebration, so it will be a chance to discuss the project in person.

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

None.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Adelaide to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Second by Herb. Herb. Vote: all ayes.
Motion carried.

Minutes recorded and transcribed by:

Linda McCance Packham
Chair, Hanover Park Sister Cities Committee