

SISTER CITIES COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024
AL LARSON PRAIRIE CENTER FOR THE ARTS / CONFERENCE ROOM A

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Caren Chisesi
Tom LaMantia
Kazuko Mino
Annie Miskewitch
Suzanne Poeschel
Bob Schmidt

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vandana Jhingan
Neil Khot
Jose Skrobot

STAFF PRESENT: Rob Pileckis, Assistant Director of Cultural Services
Tiana Weiler, Director, Cultural Services

GUESTS PRESENT: Kiran Nuthulapaty
Ally Zinck

CALL TO ORDER:

Suzanne Poeschel called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bob Schmidt to approve Meeting Minutes from February 13, 2024. Annie Miskewitch seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Germany Subcommittee Report

Discussion was held regarding a possible Schaumburg High School student band exchange to Germany, with more discussion to come.

2. Japan Subcommittee Report

Kazuko Mino advised on a proposed one-week visit from a delegation of four people from Namerikawa late August. Ms. Mino advised that the city would confirm upon finalizing budget for the trip. The group would stay at a local hotel and is interested in exploring Schaumburg's commerce sector.

3. South Asia Subcommittee Report

No discussion.

4. New Commission Members

Tiana Weiler advised that Sister City commission candidates Kiran Nuthulapaty and Ally Zinck are expected to be approved to join the commission by the village board later in the

evening. Ms. Nuthulapaty plans to join the South Asia subcommittee; Ms. Zinck plans to join the Japan subcommittee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. SDAG visit to Schaumburg in the fall

Suzanne Poeschel advised that Dr. Joachim Steinbach with SDAG plans to visit Schaumburg June 15-21. The visit will include meetings with village officials and personnel. A formal visit from a delegation of SDAG mayors, originally planned for this fall, has been pushed back to spring 2025 to accommodate the Namerikawa visit.

CONTINUING ITEMS:

1. Proposals for Use of Sister City Funds

The Illinois Sister Cities Association's Annual Conference has been scheduled for June 7 and 8 in Hoffman Estates. Rob Pileckis will register commission members attending once all are confirmed.

2. Shirts and Name Tags for Commission Members

Plans are to purchase polo shirts for the Sister Cities Commission to wear at events. Rob Pileckis will provide pricing for shirts with embroidered logos.

DEFERRALS:

No deferrals.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

No comments

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 5:58 pm by Tom LaMantia to adjourn. Caren Chisesi seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 5:30 pm