

Minutes of the Santa Barbara Sister Cities Board, July 5, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Chairperson, George Potter. The Secretary was asked to call the roll. Members present were: George Potter, Chairperson; Takako Wakita, Vice Chairperson; Janet Baker, Recording Secretary; Gerald Corrigan, Dingle, Ireland; David Gorbet, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Gary Maxwell, Toba, Japan; Roger Horton, City Council Liaison. Guests were: Gil Garcia, SB/PV Sister City and Linda Gunther, City Administrator Staff.

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried the minutes of the May 3, 2006 were approved as mailed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

FUND ALLOCATION: A request was submitted to City Council by the Santa Barbara Sister Cities Board on April 3, 2006 for an increase in the City Council budget in the amount of \$4,000.00 for funding line items. This request was approved for the year July 1, 2006 - July 1, 2007. Discussion will be held at the September meeting as to when and how these funds will be used.

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL RE: CLOSURE OF SISTER CITY AGREEMENTS WITH PALMA DE MALLORCA, SPAIN; YALTA, UKRAINE AND SAN JUAN, PHILIPPINES. After due discussion, on a motion made by Gerald Corrigan, Dingle, Ireland and seconded by Gary Maxwell, Toba, Japan it was moved to that agreements with Palma de Mallorca, Spain be terminated as they are no longer following the Guidelines of the Sister City Program, motion carried. On a motion made by Gerald Corrigan, Dingle, Ireland and seconded by Gary Maxwell, Toba, Japan it was moved that the agreement with Yalta, Ukraine be terminated as they are no longer following the Guidelines of the Sister City Program, motion carried. Both of these Sister Cities have not had an active group in Santa Barbara or their respective Sister City for quite sometime which is a requirement to be a Sister City. Due process has been taken with no response from Palma de Mallorca, Ken Sterling, the only member of the Yalta, Ukraine Sister City took exception in a very hostile E-Mail to Mr. Potter which was read to the Board. It was suggested that a letter be sent to Mr. Sterling recognizing his individual efforts and urge him to continue on an individual basis, however, the Yalta, Ukraine Sister City does not meet the Guidelines and should be terminated. Regarding the termination of the San Juan, Philippines Sister City, the President, Dr. Alex Tang resigned and stated the group was no longer active, after due discussion on a motion made by Gerald Corrigan, Dingle, Ireland and seconded by David Gorbet, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico it was moved to delay the request for termination of this group until the September meeting, motion carried. Roger Horton said there is quite a large Philippine community in Santa Barbara and that it

might be possible to find someone who is willing to take over and try to revive the group.

It was also suggested that Guidelines be established regarding the process for termination of a Sister City. Linda Gunther will take care of researching and preparing these Guidelines for the September meeting.

SCI 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE: (a) Youth Summit - Mr. Potter asked who would be chaperoning the students going to the Summit from Santa Barbara. He was told that Susan Young from the City Parks and Recreation Department will be their chaperon. (b) Request from SOCAL for a \$250.00 donation for special table for the Anniversary Dinner for those attending from Southern California. Since it was not clear as to who would be selected to sit at this table it was decided that Mr. Potter should get clarification and if he felt it was worthwhile, on motion duly made, seconded and carried it was moved that he send a check for \$250.00 from the Boards funds. (c) Purchase of 50th Anniversary book. On a motion duly made, seconded and carried it was moved not to purchase as those attending the Conference will get one and would share with anyone interested. (d) September 11th Concert Foundation. On a motion duly made, seconded and carried it was moved not to participate as the time frame was too short. (e) Sister Cities School Program. Gil Garcia reported that the Puerto Vallarta group is actively involved in the Sister Cities School Program, chaired by Rosann Crawford and suggested if any of the other Sister Cities were interested that they contact Rosann and invite her to one of their meetings to explain the program.

UNITED NATIONS DAY CELEBRATION; Linda Gunther reported that she had gotten approval for the use of the Cabrillo Arts Center for the afternoon preceeding the United Nations dinner for the Youth Summit if they are interested. George suggested a meeting of those attending the SCI Conference after they return to discuss a program for the Youth Summit.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS: None

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico: David Gorbet reported that they are busy formulated the plans for the visitation of the group from Puerto Vallarta during Fiesta, expecting approximately 50 people. A delegation from the S.B/P.V. group will be attending the U.S./Mexico Conference in Chiapas, Mexico the end of August.

Dingle, Ireland: Gerald Corrigan reported that 25 members went to Dingle the first of May and reported on their experiences at the general meeting in June.

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Toba, Japan: Gary Maxwell reported that 27 delegates from Toba visited Santa Barbara over the Memorial Day weekend. A pool party is planned for July 30th for the students arriving from Japan and their host families.

Weihai, China: The representative from Weihai was not present but George Potter reported he and Takako attended the Weihai Annual California & China Conference at City College and found it quite interesting. At the end of the day it was resolved to form a Southern California group of Sister Cities with Chinese Sister Cities. They were interested in keeping the Sister Cities going.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet M. Baker, Recording Secretary