

**CITY OF ANAHEIM
SISTER CITY COMMISSION**

MINUTES

April 22, 2019

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Anthony Al-Jamie, Paul Anderson, Taline Cole, James Dinwiddie II, Lori Dinwiddie, Elizabeth Jabaz, Larry L. Larsen, Brian O’Neal and Anna Piercy

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Kevin Barrot, Jackie Filbeck, Jerry O’Keefe and Brigitte Rodgers
(Two vacant seats)

STAFF PRESENT: Kimberly Kelemen, Community Services
Maggie Solorio, City Manager’s Office

GUESTS PRESENT: David Bracey

Agenda Posting: A complete copy of the Anaheim Sister City Commission Agenda was posted on Friday, April 19, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at Anaheim City Hall.

Public Input: Chair Taline Cole explained that members of the public are invited to address the Anaheim Sister City Commission and will be called upon under Agenda Item No. X. Public Comment.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taline Cole called the meeting of the Anaheim Sister City Commission (ASCC) to order at 4:20 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2019 at the Anaheim City Manager’s Office, City Hall, 200 S. Anaheim Blvd., 7th Floor, Anaheim, California.

II. FLAG SALUTE

Chair Taline Cole led the Flag Solute.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Larry Larsen offered a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Paul Anderson AND MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 8-0; Absent: Kevin Barrot, Jackie Filbeck, Jerry O-Keefe, Anna Piercy and Brigitte Rodgers; and, two vacant seats) that the Anaheim Sister City Commission does hereby approve the minutes from the ASCC meeting held on March 25, 2019 as presented.

IV. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jim Dinwiddie presented the latest copy of the Treasurer's Report dated April 19, 2019 with a current balance of \$16,557.55. Treasurer Dinwiddie noted it includes \$1,000 payments from the six outbound Mito exchange students.

MOTION: Commissioner Brian O'Neal offered a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Paul Anderson AND MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 8-0; Absent: Kevin Barrot, Jackie Filbeck, Jerry O-Keefe, Anna Piercy and Brigitte Rodgers; and, two vacant seats) that the Anaheim Sister City Commission does hereby approve the Treasurer's Report dated April 19, 2019.

V. MITO OUTBOUND STUDENT EXCHANGE

Commissioner Anthony Al-Jamie reported he purchased the airline tickets for the outbound students and chaperones at \$721.00 each, a huge savings compared to last year's fares. They will be flying into the Haneda Airport with shuttle transportation to Mito. Chair Cole is going to email Mr. Wang to notify him the transportation plans for the students and the time they will be arriving in Mito.

Commissioner Al-Jamie would like to conduct two proper etiquette-training sessions for the six outbound students that are going to Mito, Japan in June. The first training session will be on May 20 after the ASCC meeting and the second training will take place on June 10 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Kimberly Kelemen is going to check on room availability at the Downtown Community Center for the training sessions.

Chair Cole suggested the Commission give a \$500.00 stipend to the two chaperones to cover the cost of the hotel and the Commission agreed. There being no further discussion or questions, Chair Cole offered the motion.

MOTION: Commissioner Cole offered a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Brian O'Neal AND MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 8-0; Absent: Kevin Barrot, Jackie Filbeck, Jerry O-Keefe, Anna Piercy and Brigitte Rodgers; and, two vacant seats) that the Anaheim Sister City Commission does hereby agree to give each chaperone a \$500 stipend to cover the accommodation cost in Mito, Japan.

VI. MITO INBOUND STUDENT EXCHANGE

Chair Taline Cole reported the Commission is very close to receiving confirmation for the entire suite for the Angel game on Saturday, July 27. The Commission is still looking for someone to teach the students and lead the group when they are in Anaheim. The teacher that has been doing it for the last few years is not available. They are reaching out to a couple of people, but if someone on the Commission knows of someone who is interested to please let Chair Cole know. Preferably, the Commission would like someone who has experience in teaching English to non-native English speakers. The teacher will be paid a \$1,000 stipend to teach.

Obtaining Disneyland tickets for the students through the Disney website has been more difficult than anticipated. Commissioner Al-Jamie is going to try going through the process and will report to the Commission at the next meeting.

The Commission is waiting for a date confirmation from the Mayor's Office before they put a schedule together for the inbound students.

The host family application was updated and posted on the Sister City Commission website. Chair Cole asked the Commission to start getting the word out to families who may be interested and to try to get as many families as they can.

Chair Cole reminded the Commission to look for items for the gift bags to give to the inbound students when they arrive. They need sets of 12.

VII. FUNDRAISER RECAP

Chair Taline Cole reported the Commission made a profit of \$3,335.02 at their fundraiser on March 28 at the Anaheim Brewery. They sold forty tickets on-line and about 10 tickets at the door. They heard very good comments from the event and were invited to do another fundraiser at Anaheim Brewery in the fall and Decades Bar and Grill said they would love to host one as well. Overall, the Commission was very happy with the event, the food was great and the people were happy.

VIII. ANAHEIM JAPAN FAIR

The Anaheim Japan Fair is going to take place on Saturday, May 25 from 11 am to 8pm on Center Street Promenade. Commissioner Anthony Al-Jamie was able to obtain a booth for the fair and they need volunteers to work this event between the 9am and 8pm. They will need flyers and host applications to hand out.

Chair Cole is going to send out a schedule for the fair and would appreciate it if every Commission member signs up to volunteer that day.

MOTION: Commissioner Anderson offered a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Anna Piercy AND MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 9-0; Absent: Kevin Barrot, Jackie Filbeck, Jerry O-Keefe and Brigitte Rodgers; and, two vacant seats) that the Anaheim Sister City Commission does hereby approved up to \$300.00 to purchase a table skirt with the Anaheim Sister City logo for the Anaheim Japan Fair Event.

IX. RESCHEDULE THE MAY 27, 2019 ASCC MEETING

MOTION: Chair Taline Cole offered a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Lori Dinwiddie AND MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 9-0; Absent: Kevin Barrot, Jackie Filbeck, Jerry O-Keefe and Brigitte Rodgers; and, two vacant seats) that the Anaheim Sister City Commission does hereby move the regularly scheduled ASCC May meeting that falls on Memorial Day holiday from May 27, 2019 to May 20, 2019.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Bracey reported the Sister City International, Southern California Chapter is going to have their next meeting in Santa Monica on May 9 from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm.

XI. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

The Commission Members thanked Chair Taline Cole for taking the lead and doing the fundraiser at the Anaheim Brewery. She set a nice mold for the rest to follow.

XII. STAFF COMMENTS

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m. to Monday, May 20, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the Anaheim City Hall, City Manager's Office Large Conference Room.