

## **Sister Cities Commission Meeting**

March 11, 2020; 6:30pm

Naperville Municipal Center  
NEU room

### **In Attendance:**

#### **Commission Members:**

'Arista' Yuqin Wang, Julie Federico, Lance Fuhrer, Sophia Luo, Shafeek Abooubaker, Ammar Sayla, Alan Lowe, and Tina Cui.

#### **City Council Liaison:**

#### **Student Commissioners:**

Divya Mandala, Sonja Shirkevich

#### **Public:**

Mark Lelek

Bill Donofrio

### **Commission Business:**

Role call: a quorum was present to officially discuss and vote.

The minutes from February were approved.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

No report, Julie Federico will present for April meeting.

### **Topics:**

Young Artist Review of Event

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Cancun and ordinance to add as Sister City

Shafeek for art contest review

Very hard to get submissions

Theme is hard for people to relate to their artwork

Make it a local competition to include our sister's cities

Theme of Cancun and Naperville like the Naperville/Nitra picture.

The winner will be voted on and that will then put on the Sister Cities Flier.

Connect with local schools with new theme for a Naperville Sister Cities only ART contest.

Post through Instagram for digital media.

Role out for August for theme

Pam Bartlet Pinot's palette, do a special Sister Cities Painting...like the picture of Nitra/Naperville or Cancun/Naperville

Marcie Shots to add Cancun to Naperville city ordinance, finish by Thursday for March 17<sup>th</sup>

What App- Cancun Fire Chief wants to lobby for Cancun as a sister city

We should connect with Wichita Kansas as they are a Sister City with Cancun

Connect with the restaurant in Naperville for Cancun festival or kick off dinner for Cancun as new Sister City.

Cinco de Mayo Sister Cities Festival

Seca submittal for Cinco de Mayo Sister Cities Festival for the 5<sup>th</sup> of May.

Have the Mayor present three award plaques to Hispanic Individuals for Community Service

Have a Food Trucks on Jackson Ave

Need to make a business proposal for the submittal

Ask a member of Seca to come to Sister Cities Meeting

**April 8<sup>th</sup> next meeting.**

**Sister Cities Commission Meeting**

February 17, 2020; 6:30pm

Naperville Municipal Center  
Mayor's Conference Room  
Special Meeting

**In Attendance:****Commission Members:**

'Arista' Yuqin Wang, Sophia Luo, Shafeek Abooubaker, Alan Lowe, and Tina Cui.

**City Council Liaison:** Patty Gustin

**Student Commissioners:**

Jake Klimek

**Public:**

None

**Treasurer's Report:**

No report, Julie Federico was not present

**In the absence of the Chairman the Secretary Alan Lowe assumed the Chairman duties.**

**Commission Business:**

Young Artist Update

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Cancun Letter

**Topics:****Cancun Letter:**

In January 2020 Councilwoman Gustin visited Cancun for a vacation. During her visit the Cancun Fire Chief offered a visit and meeting with the Presidente (Mayor) of Cancun.

The Mayor is the Chairman of the Cancun Sister City Committee. Councilwoman Gustin received a warm reception as Cancun highlighted its interest in working to form a relationship with Naperville as

a Sister City. To foster a lasting friendship with the people of Naperville. Naperville has and continues its relationship with Cancun through the receipt of a Naperville old fire truck and most recently ambulance.

Like Naperville, Cancun is a destination community with a population of 1M and is a growing young community, 50 years old.

1). Items to document in a presentation to the City Council:

- Cultural Exchange
  - University Student exchange
- Economic Opportunities
- Public Safety
- Social Programs
- Review the Sister Cities Mission Statement. [Mission statement](#)
- Review City's new Mission Statement.

“To provide services that ensure a high quality of life, sound fiscal management and a dynamic business environment while creating an inclusive community that values diversity.”

[www.naperville.il.us](http://www.naperville.il.us)

2). The Commission should contact Randy Russel to see if Sister Cities International needs anything for this addition.

3). The Commission should reply back to the letter that was sent to Naperville as an official response we are interested in pursuing the Sister City relationship with Cancun.

**A motion was made to move forward with the actions needed to add Cancun as a Sister City by Shaffek and seconded by Tina. The motion was approved by all 5 members attending.**

### **The Young Artist Event**

The theme will be “One World out of many, We are One”.

The entrants must be age 13 and up.

Updates:

Zero entries have been received as of February 17th 2020.

February 27 is the last day to receive entries.

Items needed to be completed by Commission members:

- Move artwork to reception

- Call winners
- Food- Julie Federico will purchase food and drinks with Commission funds.
- Certificate of Participation signed by the Mayor
- 10.00 dollar gift cards from Amazon, Alan Lowe will purchase with Commission funds.

Recontact every Middle School and High School in 203 and 204.

Items for last meeting for Young Artist:

Trio from Neuqua for Music

Setup a Donation Box for contributions to Sister Cities at the reception

Contact: Positively Naperville, Channel 16 and City Press release

2021 Marketing: Film the Reception and edit into a promotional piece to show at schools.