

City of Naperville

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Naperville, IL 60540*



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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

6:30 PM

Sister Cities Commission

On Friday, June 12, 2020, an amendment to the Open Meetings Act was signed into law. This new law replaces the gubernatorial executive order concerning the Open Meetings Act and allows public bodies to temporarily conduct meetings remotely during a state of emergency, subject to certain requirements, including a determination by the head of the public body that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent.

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A. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Lance Fuhrer called the meeting to order. He read a statement to explain why we are meeting remotely.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present: Lance Fuhrer, Alan Lowe, Sophia Luo, Shafeek Abubaker, Bill Donofrio, Julie Federico

Absent: Arista Wang, Peter Foyo and Vasavi Chakka

Other Members Present: Councilwoman Gustin, Rachel Pruneda, Shruti Panse, and Zach Wu

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

There were no speakers under public forum.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

E. REPORTS:**1. Approve the Sister Cities minutes of February 10, 2021**

Shafeek Abubaker moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Bill Donofrio.
Motion passed.

2. Receive and file the Treasurer's Report

Julie Federico gave an update on the Treasurer's report. We made one payment to the State this month to keep our non-profit status.

Rachel Pruneda advised the Treasurer to add \$1500 to the Operational part of the budget as discussed at our previous meeting. Mayor Chirico has agreed to increase our budget.

3. Foundation Update

No update.

4. Website Update

Councilwoman Gustin would like an update at our next meeting as to the completion of the website.

5. Festival Update**a. Schedule of Events**

Alan Lowe suggested holding a special meeting in order to talk about the schedule of events for the evening.

b. Special permits and licenses - Alan Lowe

Alan Lowe reported that he has submitted the necessary paperwork to hold the event at Central Park. He has met with Jackie at the Naperville Park District, as well as Dawn Portner who is the City of Naperville's Special Events person. The official name of the event is the Naperville Hispanic Festival.

c. Entertainment Report - Sophia Luo

Sophia Luo shared the proposal from a ballet folklorico group as part of the entertainment for the festival. Commissioners thought the price was fair and agreed to hire them for the special event.

Other entertainment ideas include having a deejay, mariachis, the Naperville Municipal Band, a guest speaker. Sophia Luo mentioned having Miss Illinois as a guest speaker. We plan to have an honor ceremony in order to recognize some members of our Latino community who have been an influential part of the community.

6. Ambulance Donation - Councilwoman Gustin

Councilwoman Gustin discussed our meeting with Chief Puknaitis as well as Chief Hurtado of Cancun. We are looking at mid March or April for transportation of the ambulance.

Rachel Pruneda reported that Sister Cities Commissioners will be invited to the event and we can invite NCTV and do some marketing for the group.

7. Display Case - Alan Lowe & Shafeek Aboubaker

We received a box from Cancun with some information and a sign that we can add to our display at the Municipal Center.

8. Marketing Plan

Lance Fuhrer suggested that we focus on marketing the event

9. Public Relations

We discussed working with Communications to work on publicizing our event. We could use some talking points so that we are all sharing the same information about the event.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

Lance Fuhrer asked about a street dedication for our new Sister City. Councilwoman Gustin advised that she would follow-up on this task.

G. ADJOURNMENT: