



**SISTER CITY COMMITTEE
Town Center Hall – Meeting Room No. 1
Meeting of Monday, May 6, 2013**

MINUTES

Chairperson Susie Johnston called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL:

Present: Lucy Gomez, Susan Johnston, Jimmy Mendoza, Kim Mette, Marcella Obregon, Peggy Radoumis, Ted Radoumis, Mary Reed, Dolores Romero, Amanda Tomsick, Dominique Velasco, Marlene Vernava, Martha Villanueva, Charlotte Zevallos, and Manny Zevallos.

Council Liaison: Laurie Rios

Staff: Michelle Smith, Executive Secretary to the Sister City Committee
Lori Balderrama, Administrative Clerk II

Absent: Francis Carbajal, Jeannette Wolfe, Doris Yarwood

Excused : Andrea Lopez

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Jimmy Mendoza and seconded by Charlotte Zevallos to approve the Minutes of April 8, 2013. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

- The Department of Fire and Rescue will be hosting an open house to celebrate the reopening of Station No.2 on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Fire Station No.2 is located at 8634 Dice Road. They will be displaying equipment, providing station tours and the Firefighters Association will be hosting a free barbeque.
- On May 18 -19, 2013 the Aloha Festival returns to Heritage Park. Festivities begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. They will have food, traditional entertainment, and vendors selling Hawaiian arts and crafts. There will also be plenty of parking.
- The Santa Fe Springs Art Fest 2013 will take place at the Clarke Estate on Thursday, May 30, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This is the first art exhibition for the City and the Heritage Art Advisory Committee. They will have music, refreshments and artist vendors. Over 300 pieces of art will be on display. The work will also be on display at the Library after the event from June 3, 2013 through June 28, 2013.
- On Saturday June 8, 2013 there is a City excursion to Temecula to visit antique dealers for one-of-a-kind items. The cost for this trip is \$7.00 and lunch is at your own expense. For more information call Town Center Hall.

- On June 4, 2013 the City's Fire Department will be offering a free fifteen minute hands only CPR training at either the Town Center Plaza or at the Wal-Mart Gateway plaza on Telegraph Road and Carmenita Road.
- Wal-Mart has a new store manager, Mr. Gil Salazar. Wal-Mart is proposing to install a shopping cart wheel locking system within the center.
- Fireworks training tomorrow May 7, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the City's Council Chambers.
- City Hall will be closed Friday May 10, 2013.
- Caltrans has informed the City of the following road closures:
 1. Long term full closure of Shoemaker Avenue between Rosecrans Avenue and Excelsior Drive during the reconstruction of the Shoemaker Bridge and continuing through Spring of 2014
 2. Full closure of Dollison Drive until September 2013.
- Caltrans encourages the public to sign up for email notifications on freeway lane and ramp closures and local city street closures by calling the I-5 Corridor Improvements Project at (555) 454-6335 or by Internet at: www.I-5info.com.
- Santa Fe Springs will be holding their first Farmers Market on Thursday, July 11, 2013 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. in the Town Center Plaza.

4. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT – MICHELLE SMITH

- Michelle Smith stated that the Farmers Market will be a certified Farmers Market. Therefore, each booth selling items should have a representative there from the company where the actual product was grown to answer any of the public's questions.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Barona Fundraiser - Based on the balance sheet a total of \$660.15 was raised from the trip on April 22, 2013. Charlotte Zevallos confirmed that she received the check from Cheryl from Barona Casino together with a note to say that the Group did great and she hopes to see them again soon. Ms. Zevallos turned the check in to Chairperson Susan Johnston.

Children's Day – Heritage Park - This event went well. The kids had a good time and they raised a total of \$508.00. Chairperson Susan Johnston mentioned that almost all items used for that day were donated.

Farmers Market - Michelle Smith will report at next meeting about availability of booth space for the committee to participate in the event.

6. NEW BUSINESS – SUSAN JOHNSTON - CHAIRPERSON

Nominating Committee – Ms. Johnston informed the group of the need to put together a committee for the nomination of the new incoming Chairperson. Volunteers included: Dolores Romero, Jimmy Mendoza, Charlotte Zevallos, Marlene Vernava and Marty Villanueva. Michelle will check the previous list of people to make sure none of the individuals who volunteered are already on it.

Standing Rules – Michelle Smith passed out a copy of the Standing Rules. Peggy Radoumis mentioned that she called for a committee meeting to discuss the rules. Peggy Radoumis and Doris Yarwood were the only members who showed up. Committee members all confirmed

they were never aware of this meeting nor had they received any phone calls about it. Ms. Radoumis suggested that after the meeting they should set another meeting date for everyone to get together and work on both the Standing Rules as well as the Young Ambassadors Guidelines. Michelle Smith will find the latest version of the Young Ambassadors Guidelines and bring them to the next meeting.

Navojoa – Peggy Radoumis asked Councilmember Rios if Navojoa had sent the park plans to us. Councilmember Rios confirmed that they had not sent anything yet.

Chili's Fundraiser – Doris Yarwood will report at a later time in regards to this fundraiser.

Other Fundraisers - Chairperson Susan Johnston informed the group that Jeannette Wolfe contacted the car wash to secure a weekend date for this fundraiser; she is still waiting for an email reply.

Charlotte Zevallos informed the group that she was thinking of September 16, 2013 as a possible date for another Barona Trip for the committee. As for the youth trip she was thinking possibly a Sunday sometime in either July or August.

7. TIRSCHENREUTH & YOUNG AMBASSADORS:

Chairperson Susan Johnston announced that she has not heard from Tirschenreuth. Ms. Johnston plans on sending out an email sometime before her surgery. Chairperson Johnston has confirmed that currently we have about 15 students for the Young Ambassadors.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT – JEANNETTE WOLFE

The group received a copy of the finance report for March and April 2013. The copies were difficult to read because the font was extremely small. Chairperson Susan Johnston said she would try to get enlarged copies of the reports for the next meeting.

Regarding the donation for tax preparations, Michelle Smith informed the group that the City's Finance Department suggested that the committee make a recommendation on the amount that they would like to pay. The City would then have the tax preparer invoice the City for that amount.

Charlotte Zevallos recommended the amount of \$125.00 and Peggy Radoumis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Firework Booth
- Nominating Committee
- Standing Rules
- Navojoa
- Chili's Fundraiser
- Yard Sale Fundraiser
- Other Fundraisers

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marty spoke about getting hit by a 24 year old uninsured women driver who was driving her father's car without permission.

Marcella Obregon announced her daughter was expecting a baby.

Manny Zevallos mentioned that they failed to recognize a few people at the last meeting for their help at the breakfast. Mr. Zevallos thanked Kim Mette's pastor for donating the grill and also Harold for working on the grill.

Ted Radoumis shared that he was misdiagnosed by doctors. His illness ended up being a viral pneumonia and not bronchitis.

Peggy Radoumis announced that Mr. Radoumis and she would be participating in the Revlon Walk and any donations would be greatly appreciated. Checks should be made payable to: Revlon Walk.

Lucy Gomez pointed out that her son's name was still spelled incorrectly on the roster.

Kim Mette is selling raffle tickets for a \$100 gift certificate to Albertsons to benefit her Relay for Life Team. She also reminded everyone about the Team Captain meeting.

Amanda Tomsick had a job interview in the Cerritos Mall.

Jimmy Mendoza shared about an accident he saw on his way to the meeting on Telegraph Road and Shoemaker Road where both cars collided with each other and continued on their merry way.

11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Center Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Smith,
Executive Secretary