



SISTER CITY COMMITTEE
Town Center Hall – Meeting Room No. 1
Meeting of Monday, August 5, 2013

MINUTES

Vice Chairperson Ted Radoumis called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL:

Present: Francis Carbajal, Lucy Gomez, Jimmy Mendoza, Peggy Radoumis, Ted Radoumis, Mary Reed, Dolores Romero, Marlene Vernava, Jeannette Wolfe, Doris Yarwood, Charlotte Zevallos, and Manny Zevallos

Council Liaison: Councilmember Laurie Rios

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

Absent: Rigo Estrada, Susan Johnston, Andrea Lopez, Kimberly Mette, Marcella Obregon, Amanda Tomsick, Dominique Velasco, Martha Villanueva

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Doris Yarwood and seconded by Francis Carbajal to approve the Minutes of July 8, 2013. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

- Councilmember Laurie Rios announced that City Council has approved several Capital Improvement Projects. Among them are:
 - The construction of a new dog park in the city.
 - The replacement of the air conditioning unit at City Hall, from the lobby to the south end of the building.
 - The roof replacement at two of the City's Fire Stations.
 - The floor replacement at the Activity Center.
 - Child Care Center playground.
 - Exterior painting on a few city buildings.
- The Farmers Market hours will be extended to 7:00 p. m. next Thursday, August 8, 2013 in order to accommodate those who work late. A band has also been added on this date from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the public's enjoyment.
- The 99cent store had its grand opening on July 25, 2013. Nine people received a free 40 inch television.
- A new bakery will be opening soon in the Santa Fe Springs Promenade near the Bank of America.
- Upcoming beach trip on August 7, 2013 to Bolsa Chica Beach. Cost is \$3.00 per person. Bus will be departing at 11:00 a.m. and returning at 6:00 p.m.

- Upcoming Summer Concerts at the park:
 - August 15, 2013, at Los Nietos Park: "Mariachi Bellas".
 - August 30, 2013, at Heritage Park: "Chico Band".
- For those active adults 50 years of age or older, the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center will be hosting an end of the summer Weenie Roast on Friday August 9, 2013 from 10 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Pre-sale tickets will be \$5.00 and the ticket price on the day of the event will be \$7.00.
- The Relay for Life will take place September 27 - 28, 2013.
- There are still 2 and 3 bedroom homes at the Villages that have been designated to be offered through the HARP program. Some people have applied but have not qualified.
- Fiestas Patrias will take place on Friday, September 13, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. in the Town Center Plaza

4. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT – MICHELLE SMITH

Michelle reported that the Farmers Market has so far been a great success that it will extend through the month of September.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Farmers Market – Michelle Smith confirmed that in order to participate as a vendor at the Farmers Market you must be certified. Therefore, it is probably not likely that the committee would be given the opportunity to use the Farmers Market as a fundraising tool.

Chili's Fundraiser - It was agreed upon by all committee members to have this item removed from the agenda.

Yard Sale Fundraiser – The committee agreed to table this item.

Car Wash Fundraiser – Per Jeannette Wolfe she is still waiting to hear from the Car Wash owner on this item. Ted Radoumis shared that recently a group of Boy Scouts were permitted to have car wash on the Four Square Church property on Florence Avenue and they had a successful turnout. Mr. Radoumis offered to contact the Four Square Church to find out if maybe they would allow the Youth Group to have a car wash there as well. He will try to have information for the committee by the next meeting.

Youth Shirts - Francis Carbajal and Doris Yarwood are currently trying to obtain existing artwork from previous printers in order to obtain pricing from other companies. The committee agreed to continue using the blue t-shirts with white print.

Fiestas Patrias - Michelle Smith confirmed that this event will take place on Friday September 13, 2013, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. in the Town Center Plaza. She also mentioned that they were looking into possibly doing things differently this year in regards to the food sales. Michelle informed the committee that this is just in the brainstorming phase and no definite plans have been made. The City is aware and is mindful that committees

such as this one would definitely suffer from not being allowed to sell at this event.

Michelle will look into getting more information for the committee by next meeting and she will also let the Division of Family and Human Services, who is in charge of the event know that the committee would like to sell nachos and drinks.

Viejas Trip - This trip is scheduled for Sunday, August 18, 2013. Charlotte Zevallos informed the group that she needed only 15 more people to complete two busses. Mrs. Zevallos was going to make some phone calls to try to recruit more people. If anyone is interested in going please contact Mrs. Zevallos by Friday.

Fireworks Booth - Peggy Radoumis was able to get Phantom Fireworks to split the cost of the fireworks booth with the committee. The total cost for the booth was \$750.00 and she was able to get a credit of \$375.00 from Phantom. Mrs. Radoumis also mentioned that Jeannette Wolfe was in the process of sending out final payments for security and any other final expenses. Once those payments have been made Ms. Wolfe will then be able to provide the committee with an exact total for the firework sales.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Pin order – Ted Radoumis showed the committee members different pin samples. Doris Yarwood will bring the contact information for a company that makes pins in order for the committee to get pricing. Michelle Smith will also look into getting information on the company that the city uses for their pins.

Airfare - Francis Carbajal updated the committee on the research she did and the information she gathered regarding airfare pricing, purchasing rules/restrictions, and flight schedules. Ms. Carbajal stressed the importance of getting the kids and their parents to commit to gathering and/or submitting their initial airfare deposits the soonest possible in order to secure their airline tickets at a much more reasonable price. She also explained that it is not fair for the children who have been working really hard on their fundraising, and have already been able to achieve their deposit goal to have to purchase a more expensive airfare. Francis will be attending the next mandatory youth/parent meeting in order to speak to the parents and explain the situation to them in detail as well

Play/Dinner – Charlotte Zevallos explained that this will be a fundraiser for the youth and it will take place sometime next year in 2014. The fundraiser consists of a spaghetti dinner and a play (The Little Mermaid Jr.). The Committee will be working with John Scoggins and the Playhouse to finalize details for this event as the time approaches.

Young Ambassadors Trip Deposit - This item will be discussed at the upcoming youth meeting.

7. **TIRSCHENREUTH & YOUNG AMBASSADORS:**

None.

8. **FINANCIAL REPORT – JEANNETTE WOLFE**

Copies of the regular financial report, as well as the fireworks financial report were

distributed to all committee members. Jeanette Wolfe reviewed these reports with the committee. A motion was made by Dolores Romero and seconded by Charlotte Zevallos to accept and file only the regular financial report. The motion was carried unanimously. The committee agreed to move the fireworks financial report to the next meeting due to a discrepancy in the tax calculation. Jeanette Wolfe will recalculate/make adjustments and bring copies of the amended fireworks financial report to committee members at the next meeting.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Fiestas Patrias
- Yard Sale Fundraiser
- Carwash Fundraiser
- Youth Shirts
- Pin order
- Airfare

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peggy Radoumis – Shared that she and Mr. Radoumis will be taking their Grandsons back home to Reno on Wednesday. Peggy also shared that she has a few toys (in very good condition) that her grandsons have already outgrown and she asked Councilmember Lori Rios if perhaps the daycare would like to keep those toys. Ms. Rios said she would check with Judy Smith and give Peggy a call tomorrow to let her know.

Mary Reed – Shared that her puppy accidentally fell in the pool. ☹

Charlotte Zevallos – Reminded everyone that she needs only 15 more people to complete a second bus for the Viejas Trip. If you change your mind and decide you want to go or if you know of any other people who might want to go please contact Charlotte by Friday.

Doris Yarwood – Shared that the Soroptimist Club had a great turnout for their “Back to School” shopping program. Once again it was a success and there were a lot of happy children.

Ted Radoumis – Shared that he was taking his grandsons back to Reno and that he and Peggy will be staying there for a week..

- 12. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 9, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Center Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Smith,
Executive Secretary