



**TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS
MINUTES OF THE
SISTER CITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION
MAY 2, 2018**

AGENDA ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER

A public meeting of the Sister Cities Advisory Commission was convened and called to order by Chair Carol Carroll at 4:05 p.m., Wednesday, May 2, 2018 in the Council Chambers at Town Hall, located at 16705 East Avenue of the Fountains, Fountain Hills, Arizona.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – ROLL CALL

Present at roll call were Chair Carol Carroll, Vice Chair Dr. Patrick Sweeney, Commissioners Enrique Melendez, Jackie Miles, and Bev Tall. Commissioner Virginia Pierce resigned due to competing priorities. Staff members present were Town Manager Grady Miller and Executive Assistant Nancy Walter.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one spoke at the Call to the Public.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE JANUARY 17, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Tall MOVED to approve the January 17, 2018 meeting minutes; Vice Chair Sweeney SECONDED the motion, which CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY by those present.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – UPDATE FROM FH SISTER CITIES CORPORATION’S PRESIDENT

- **Student Exchange trip:**
Students will arrive on September 25 for two weeks and will attend Homecoming and tour the Grand Canyon. There will be a program to recruit new host parents.
- **Adult trip to Germany and Poland:**
The adults will travel on May 18th to Frankfurt and then to Dierdorf. The itinerary includes a reception in Zamość and a party in Dierdorf.
- **Casino Royale results:**
The Corporation netted \$3,800.00. The corporation will do future joint event with the Theater. The Casino Royale is a possible annual event for the Corporation.
- **Oktoberfest:**
The event is scheduled for September 28th & 29th and is a fundraiser for the Corporation. The Mothers Group will be volunteering at the booth, as will the exchange students and host families.
- **New Logo for Sister Cities:**
Chair Carroll distributed the new logo (attached).
- **Changes to the Sister Cities Corporation bylaws:**
The Corporation will drop the word “Corporation” from their marketing efforts but will continue to use it for legal documents.
- **Sister Cities Corporation new board member:**
A new board member under consideration is Charity Hawks.
- **Men’s Club presentation**
A 90 minute presentation will be given to the Men’s Club in January; the Mayor and Town Manager are invited to speak.

** Non-agenda items discussed:

Commissioner Melendez reported:

- The new Honorary Consul of Germany is not interested in being involved with Sister Cities
- The Ambassadors' Ball is scheduled for December and will honor Poland
- The President of Estonia is interested in being involved with Sister Cities
- Estonia is interested in Information Technology in AZ; Dr. Sweeney will send information to them regarding EVIT's Cyber Security program
- Steve Chucris is the incoming Consul of Estonia
- El Salvador needs donated garbage trucks, ambulances, and fire trucks
- The Consul of Netherlands is interested in the possibility of a Sister City

The Commission discussed the possibility of sending a letter to Kasterlee to sever the relationship due to inactivity. The Commissioners agreed to limit Fountain Hills' Sister Cities to four.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – UPDATE ON RECRUITMENT FOR COMMISSION VACANCIES

Ms. Walter said the request for four applicants was advertised in the TIMES for two consecutive weeks and posted on the Town's website.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Miles MOVED to adjourn at 5:00 p.m.; Vice Chair Sweeney SECONDED the motion, which CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY by those present.

SISTER CITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION

BY: _____
Carol Carroll, Chair

Prepared by: _____
Nancy Walter, Executive Assistant

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Session held by the Sister Cities Advisory Commission of Fountain Hills on the 2nd day of May 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 14th day of May 2018

Nancy Walter, Executive Assistant



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