

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
IRONWOOD CONFERENCE ROOM
November 21, 2011**

A **Regular Meeting** of the **Sister Cities Board** of the City of Peoria, Arizona, was convened at 8401 W. Monroe Street at 5:34 p.m.

Members Present: John Buonagurio, Patty Fusco, Joya Kizer Clarke, Penny Hughes, Jim Flonacher and Bonnie Apperson

Members Absent: None

Other Municipal Officials Present: Claudia Lujan, Assistant to the City Manager and Terri Smith, Assistant to City Council

Members of the Public Present: None

Note: The order in which the items appear in the minutes is not necessarily the order in which they were discussed at the meeting.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Board Member Apperson, seconded by Board Member Hughes to approve the consent agenda. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.

Minutes:

1C Minutes

Approved the minutes of the September 15, 2011 Sister Cities Board Meeting.

Regular Agenda

3R SISTER SCHOOLS ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

Discussion ensued about the continuation and possible expansion of the 2010-11 school year program that was in place at Oasis Elementary. Board members requested that staff meet with Cari Casteel, the new assistant principal, to assess the possibility of expanding to include more classrooms. Target January for a grade level meeting with third grade teachers. Board member Apperson offered to talk to PUSD curriculum staff about how to integrate the opportunity with state standards for other grade levels.

4R STATE SISTER CITY CONFERENCE UPDATE

Ms. Lujan updated the Board on the October 7-8 Arizona Sister Cities Conference hosted by Tempe Sister Cities. Attending from Peoria were Member Fusco, as well as Ms. Lujan and Ms. Smith. Ms. Lujan also noted to the Board that Peoria would be hosting the Quarterly Meeting of Az. Sister Cities at the Peoria Sports Complex on March 7. Information and an invitation to attend will be forthcoming to Peoria Sister City Board Members.

5R REVISION OF MONTHLY MEETING DAY

Consensus of the Board was to adjust the standing meeting day to the second Thursday of the month, with meetings scheduled to begin at 5:30 pm. No meeting will be scheduled in December.

Reports from Staff:

Peoria Sister City Young Ambassador Program now has a page on the city website: www.peoriaaz.gov/youngambassador . This is being used to distribute information and applications for the 2012 program, as well as photos and information on the overall program.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at approximately 6:35 p.m.

John Buonagurio, Chair

Terri Smith, Council Assistant
Mayor and City Council Office