

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
IRONWOOD CONFERENCE ROOM
April 12, 2012**

A **Regular Meeting** of the **Sister Cities Board** of the City of Peoria, Arizona, was convened at 8401 W. Monroe Street at 5:30 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Bonnie Apperson

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

Members of the Public Present: Two

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 Flonacher, seconded by Board Member Kizer-Clarke to approve the consent agenda. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Minutes:

1C Minutes

Approved the minutes of the November 21, 2011 Sister Cities Board Meeting.

Regular Agenda

3R SISTER SCHOOLS ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

Staff reported back on the January 17, 2012 meeting with the Oasis Elementary School staff. Currently three teachers have their classroom participating in the exchange program with Abbey Primary in Newtownards.

Kerry Pennington reported recently that her class is regularly exchanging letters with their counterparts. Cari Casteel, Assistant Principal, advised teachers she would work with them to overcome the obstacles related to video conferencing due to the time difference. She offered to facilitate resources to create video posts for *Teacher Tube*.

School staff asked for a follow up meeting at their location the beginning of May to discuss efforts to begin the next school year where this year's Sister Schools effort leaves off.

4R STATE SISTER CITY CONFERENCE UPDATE

Ms. Lujan updated the Board on the City of Peoria's hosting of the Quarterly State Sister Cities Association board meeting on March 7. Three Peoria Board members attended, and commented on how well received the venue and set up were to the visiting attendees.

Staff reported that the City of Phoenix has committed to hosting the annual State Sister Cities Conference in October. Details on registration for Peoria Board Members will follow.

5R 2012 YOUNG AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Thomas Prior, a current delegate and member of the Peoria Youth Advisory Board (YAB), reported to the Sister Cities Board on the outcome of a discussion about a collaborative project for the current year.

The YAB met on April 10 and discussed ideas for a possible collaborative project to be conducted between the Peoria and Ards Young Ambassadors. The two ideas that emerged from the YAB presented by Mr. Prior were a photo collage of each delegation's home community and a video created by each local delegation.

Members of the Sister Cities Board supported the collage idea with input about local sites, including photos taken at each of the delegates' high schools. Board member Kizer-Clarke offered the services of her business to produce the collage.

Mr. Prior confirmed that he will bring the information back to the Youth Advisory Board for their input. Subsequently staff will gather the 2012 Young Ambassador delegation to discuss the collaborative project.

Reports from Staff:

Staff shared that the regularly scheduled July 12 Sister Cities Board Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Young Ambassador Farewell Event.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at approximately 6:32 p.m.

John Buonagurio
Chair

Terri Smith, Council Assistant
Mayor and City Council Office