

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
IRONWOOD CONFERENCE ROOM
January 20, 2011**

A **Regular Meeting** of the **Sister Cities Board** of the City of Peoria, Arizona, was convened at 8401 W. Monroe Street at 5:40 p.m.

Members Present: John Buonagurio, Penny Hughes, Bonnie Apperson, James Flonacher, Patty Fusco; Joya Kizer Clarke participated via telephone conference call.

Members Absent: Scott Clark

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

Member of the Public Present: Mike Fusco

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

Minutes:

1C Minutes

Item 1C was approved as part of the consent agenda.

Regular Agenda

Unfinished Business:

3R ACCOMMODATE VIRTUAL LINK BETWEEN A PEORIA SCHOOL AND ARDS

A request was made by the Ards Borough to create a virtual link relationship between Abbey Primary School and an elementary school in Peoria using electronic media as the basis for sharing information. Board members agreed that this was an excellent means to further the twinning with Peoria's Sister City. Members discussed options for initiating a trial run, creating one classroom-to-classroom relationship. Member Fusco offered to discuss the opportunity with Peoria School District to possibly elicit a classroom to pair with an Abbey Primary classroom. A motion was made by Board Member Apperson, seconded by Board Member Hughes to contact Peoria School District and for staff to facilitate first communication between the schools. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

4R Centennial Timeline Project – Borough of Ards and Peoria

A Young Ambassador Program Partner suggested a collaborative project between Peoria and Ards to create a parallel timeline during 2011, to help both communities celebrate Arizona's centennial. Chair Apperson suggested this would be a good project to be shared between Young Ambassador delegations in Peoria and Ards. Staff will contact a high school junior in the Young Ambassador alumni group to find a project leader. A report back to the Board was requested for February. A motion was made by Board Member Flonacher, seconded by Board Member Clarke to contact Young Ambassador alumni to create a plan for a possible collaborative timeline project. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

5R Sister Cities Participation in Pioneer Days Parade

Board member Fusco asked for the Board's consideration to participate in the Annual Peoria Pioneer Days Parade on April 2, 2011. Member Fusco will facilitate the entry form for the Board's participation, Member Clarke will facilitate live bagpipe music, and Liaison Lujan will facilitate a banner for Peoria Sister Cities. A motion was made by Board Member Hughes, seconded by Board Member Fusco for Peoria Sister Cities to participate in the 2011 Peoria Pioneer Days Parade. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

6R Goals and Objectives

Board member Clarke discussed a clarification of the Board's objectives as it relates to Peoria Sister Cities. Chair Buonagurio discussed that it was an ideal topic for a Board retreat, so as to include newer Board Members appointed since inception. A motion was made by Board member Fusco, seconded by Board Member Clarke for each member to bring back to the February meeting objectives to consider. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Reports from Staff:

Claudia Lujan advised the board that Board Member Scott Clark resigned from the Sister Cities Board, and had tendered his resignation to the City Clerk's Office.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mike Fusco stated that he was very pleased to hear that Peoria Sister Cities will be participating in the 2011 Peoria Pioneer Days Parade.

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