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CITY OF SANTA CRUZ  
Parks and Recreation Department  
323 Church Street  
Santa Cruz, California 95060

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR ADVISORY BODY MEETING**

Sister Cities Committee, November 23, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Martha Mangan

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Martha Mangan, Chair; Cherie Crandall, Bill Denevan, Nancy Eidam, Bill Gledhill, Raisa Kikteva, Carl Klem, Nancy Lenz, Jade Taylor

**Absent with Notification:** Kristen Collins, Melissa Nix, Wesley Van Camp

**Staff:** Lisa McGinnis

**PRESENTATIONS**

**STATEMENTS OF DISQUALIFICATION**

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Enda Brennan resigned from the Sister Cities National Board.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 26, 2009 MINUTES**  
The minutes were approved.
2. **APPROVAL OF TREASURY REPORT**  
The treasury report was approved with corrections.
3. **APPROVAL OF REFERRING MEMBERS WITH EXCESSIVE ABSENCES TO THE MAYOR**  
The motion was approved to refer members with excessive absences to the Mayor.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

4. **Shingu** – Carl Klem reported that the spring student delegation to Shingu has been selected and is comprised of eight girls and five boys in the 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> grades from a variety of schools. The screening/social event (including ice breaker, two-hour hike and sushi rolling) and interviews went well. Estimated price of trip is \$1,700. Two scholarships are being considered. Melissa Nix, Tiffany Roth and Ken Kiff will be the chaperones.
5. **Alushta** – Raisa Kikteva reported on the Open World Delegation of five lawyers and one translator visiting from the Ukraine October 26-30. The goal of this Library of Congress program was for participants to have a positive experience in the US that reinforces their interest and skills in promoting "the rule of law," and build their ability to continue collaborating on positive projects when they return home. While in Santa Cruz they met

with the Sister Cities Committee, Santa Cruz County Probation Department, Santa Cruz Superior Court, Public Defenders Office and the City of Santa Cruz Police Department. Raisa also reported the Santa Cruz High School Band is looking into a trip to Ireland, so a musical exchange with Alushta is on hold for now.

6. Sestri Levante – Bill Denevan reported that 32 entries were received in the Hans Christian Andersen writing contest comprised of 13 adult entries; 18 entries in the 11-16 year category and one entry in the 6 - 11 year age group. This is the 12<sup>th</sup> year the Santa Cruz Sister Cities Committee has sponsored the writing competition locally. The winning essays are sent to Sestri Levante for consideration in the international contest. Santa Cruz essays have won twice in the international competition. A reading of this year's Santa Cruz entries will be scheduled in January.
7. Jinotepe – Bill Denevan reported the garbage truck arrived in Jinotepe, Nicaragua. Martha Mangan reported she will be sending donations to the Elderhome there.
8. Santa Cruz de Tenerife – Nancy Lenz reported the events for the Santa Cruz de Tenerife art exchange went well including a mayor's welcome, downtown tour and First Friday program. Nancy Lenz gave visiting curator Miriam Durango a special tour of the wharf, butterflies and Marine Lab. Kudos was given to organizers Shelby Graham and Wesley Van Camp. Martha Mangan, Nancy Lenz and Cindy Schuette were also thanked for their volunteer efforts in support of the exchange. The exhibit is on display at the Octagon, Felix Kulpa Gallery and Porter Faculty Gallery at UCSC through December 6.
9. Unity and PR Special Committee – Nancy Lenz sent a NameDropping item to the Sentinel for the Santa Cruz de Tenerife visit. It was suggested that we develop email lists for the main committee and core Support members (agenda, minutes, working notes) and a larger Support list to invite members to public events (invitations, fliers).
10. Support – Nancy Eidam reported that Support will meet sometime in January.

## **ITEMS INITIATED BY MEMBERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. from the regularly scheduled meeting of November 23, 2009 to the next scheduled meeting on Monday, January 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Courtyard Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted

Approved

Staff

Chair

**APPEALS** - Any person who believes that a final action of this advisory body has been taken in error may appeal that decision to the City Council. Appeals must be in writing, setting forth the nature of the action and the basis upon which the action is considered to be in error, and addressed to the City Council in care of the City Clerk.

Other - Appeals must be received by the City Clerk within ten (10) calendar days following the date of the action from which such appeal is being taken. An appeal must be accompanied by a fifty dollar (\$50) filing fee.

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