Minutes
Of the City of Santa Clara, California
International Exchange Commission
for meeting held on Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Recommendations for Council Action: none

I. Call to Order
Called to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call
Present: Commissioners Beavers, Ikezi, Mathre, Stahl
Absent: Mirabella, excused.
Visitors: Debi Davis, Andrew Ratermann

III. Previous minutes
Need to be amended to fix the spelling of Mathre's name, and for commissioners' reports, that Ikezi is a member of the Charter Review Commission.

IV. Correspondence and Communications
None.

V. Public Presentations
Motion to move timing of public presentation to accommodate Mr. Ratermann made by Mathre and seconded by Ikezi, voted unanimously.

VI. Santa Clara Sister Cities Association Presentation
The full SCA report is attached to these minutes. (For more details about the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association and its programs, visit www.santaclarasistercities.org).

V. Public Presentations (resumed)
Mr. Raterman presented update information on school district exchanges:

- Peterson Middle School sends about 100 kids per year to various places in Japan.
- Cabrillo MS is sending students to China next Spring to stay in Changxha, the capitol of Hunan.
- Twenty visiting students plus chaperones, from Limerick, Ireland expected in February 8-12. The schools have an environmental studies tie.
- Ambassador's band visited Portugal this year.
- Mrs. Flannagan from the University of Limerick wants Mr. Ratermann to facilitate ties with SCU.

VII. Ongoing Business

A. Coimbra Update
See SCA report.

B. Izumo Update:
25th Anniversary Visit and Gala
Many thanks to Davis and the SCSCA for all the hard work to pull off this highly successful and well attended event.

C. Limerick Update
See Public Presentations.

D. Yeongcheon City Update
No new information from Korea since last MOU draft. The Commission was informed that the Yeongcheon contact in Korea became ill shortly after receiving the MOU. Commissioners agreed to prepare a draft memo for Yeongcheon officials in order to restart MOU discussions.

VIII. New Business
Mathre contacted HP about their Autism Hackers conference. He made a good connection, and introduced them to Kevin Park from SCSCA.

IX. Commissioner Reports
Ikezi has been participating in the Charter Review Committee.
Beavers, Mirabella, and Stahl visited with the Izumo delegation and the mayor.
Beavers, Mathre, Mirabella, and Stahl attended the Izumo Gala.
Ikezi and Davis visited the Japanese Consul General's office.

X. Actions Items

Commissioner/ Staff/SCA	Action	Due by
Staff & SCA	Work together to draft government communication to the Yeongcheon City government	12/6/11

XI. Adjournment
Motion made by Mathre, seconded by Ikezi, and unanimously carried, that there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm to Tuesday evening, December 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Staff Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

for
Loretta Beavers
Recording Secretary

Santa Clara Sister Cities Association

Coimbra, Portugal — Established August 4, 1972

Izumo, Japan — Established October 11, 1986

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Coimbra Update- The Coimbra Class of 2012 will arrive on April 13th through April 22, 2012. Isabel Cruz is planning on chaperoning again.

Izumo Update- The 25th Anniversary Celebration was a success !
The Izumo Delegation wishes to express their gratitude to the SCSCA and IEC for making this anniversary a memorable occasion. The hard work that was done in the planning and execution they felt was perfect. They were thankful for their gifts and Mayor Nagaoka wishes to thank the city staff for helping to get the eye appointment for his wife, Mihura.
The next scheduled visit will be March 28, 2012 and the possibility of 15 Junior High School is almost confirmed.
SCA would like to Thank, Commissioner Beavers for all the time she devoted to the etching of 80 plus glasses.
SCA would like to Thank, Commissioners Beavers, Mirabella and Stahl for greeting our guests at City Hall with Mayor Matthews.

Yeong Cheon City, Korea Update- No report at this time.

SCAYC Update- The YC is having a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at Mariani's at 6:00pm. Tickets are $20.00 with $10.00 going to Mariani's and $10.00 to the SCAYC funds. The students are working on a green energy project with Silicon Valley Power and Wilcox HS this March. Stay tuned for the details.

SCI Update- SCI NorCal Conference held in Orinda this past weekend was a success for our SCAYC students to be included in a Youth Workshop to help other NorCal Sister Cities with their programs. They answered questions about their organization and their viewpoints on the Riverside Conference.
They did an outstanding job, many of the attendees' commented on their professionalism.

Respectfully Submitted by :
Debi Davis
President
Santa Clara Sister Cities Association