Minutes
Of the City of Santa Clara, California
International Exchange Commission
for meeting held on Tuesday, April 3, 2012

Recommendations for Council Action: none

I. Call to Order
Called to order at 7:06 p.m.

II. Roll Call
Present: Commissioners Beavers, Ikezi, Mathre, Stahl, Suarez
Absent: Commissioners Chahal, Mirabella
Visitors: Debi Davis

III. Previous minutes
Motion to approve the previous minutes by Mathre, seconded by Ikezi. Unanimously approved.

IV. Correspondence and Communications
None.

V. Public Presentations
None.

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).

VII. Ongoing Business

A. Coimbra Update
We'll see them soon. Upcoming potluck on April 15.

B. Izumo Update
Koibara-san has an adult autistic group in Japan. He will look into adding that dimension to our exchange relationship. We may be able to tap into Izumo's Korean sister city, with which they have an autism aspect, too.
From now on, Izumo will send both Jr. and High School students simultaneously for 6-8 days.
Hagiwara-san replaces Nagaoka-san at the Japanese Consulate.

C. Limerick Update
John Hartnet runs Irish Technology Group. They held recent event in Santa Clara that went well.
Limerick is seeking a way to form a tri-sister city agreement. Spokane, WA would remain the economic focus, but Santa Clara could have the educational/cultural focus.

D. Yeongcheon City Update
Staff issued copies of the latest MOU draft for revision considerations.

VIII. New Business

A. Youth Commission Sign Project

This is an ongoing learning experience for the Youth Commission.

Next year's budget will be flat. We will need to determine how to apportion it.

IX. Commissioner Reports

Ikezi helped with the Izumo exchange, including hosting students and helping with the potluck. Ikezi attended the farewell/welcome lunch for Nagaoka-san.

Suarez attended the Izumo potluck with her friends and had a great time.

Stahl attended the Izumo potluck. She also attended the ADA meeting, and the school board meeting.

X. Actions Items

Commissioner/ Staff/SCA	Action	Due by
Stahl & Staff	Place budget discussion on next month's agenda.	5/1/12
All	Review draft of MOU with Yeongcheon City for revision.	5/1/12

XI. Adjournment

Motion made by Mathre, seconded by Suarez, and unanimously carried, that there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm to Tuesday evening, May 1, 2012 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

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Izumo, Japan — *Established October 11, 1986*

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Report to the International Exchange Commission
April 3, 2012

Coimbra Update-April 11th is approaching and the Coimbra Class of 2012 will be here. V.P. Youth Commission, Debbie Pavao has been putting the final schedule together. There are many activities planned and SCA would like to remind our IEC Commissioners to attend the April 15th Portuguese Potluck. Thursday, April 12th they plan to visit Santa Cruz, Friday the 13th, a visit to San Francisco and Winchester Mystery House, a Santa Clara day, a visit to the Portuguese Heritage Museum and the Black and Blue Event at the Teen Center. Commissioners are invited to help fill in the blanks for driving and basic help.

Izumo Update- Our guests arrived safely and had the time of their lives. Kuwabara san stated that all the planning SCA did was greatly appreciated. They commented on the Pott's Meet and Greet BBQ, the best tri tip and salmon, touring Roaring Camp, with a picnic, visiting Sanford University, touring Santa Clara Police and Fire Departments, Santa Clara University and receiving lots of See's Candy as gifts, especially from Vice Mayor Lisa Gillmor.
As they departed, the tears flowed and the new friendships that were forged in 5 days will last forever.

Yeong Cheon City, Korea Update- Kevin has been on Jury Duty for the last month.

SCAYC Update- The SCAYC has been working with the exchange programs for the past two months. They were responsible for the High School Mock Prom, held on Wednesday, March 29th at the Headen-Inman House, preparing the entertainment for the Japanese Potluck, in which SCAYC President Jessica Lai sang our National Anthem and the Japanese National Anthem. They planned a dance number and all the students sang "Happy 80th Birthday" to SCA Board Member, John Figueira. This month they will partner with the City of Santa Clara Youth Commission to host a BBQ for the Coimbra students on Monday, April 16th at the Teen Center.

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