

**CITY OF SIERRA VISTA**  
**SISTER CITIES COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**January 12, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Heike Shockley called the meeting of the Sister Cities Commission to order at 5:32 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Heike Shockley  
Susanne Himstedt-Gilbert  
Randi Buros  
Lourdes Montoya-Murphy  
Evetta Jones  
Anthony Sanders

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Susan Raymond  
Karin Finney  
John C. McBee  
Nick Richardson  
Tanisha Sanders  
Ana Serrano  
Alex Sanders  
Francisco Serrano  
Megan Sanders  
Stone Richardson  
Dennis Gilbert

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT:

Hank Huisking

STAFF PRESENT:

Victoria Yarbrough

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

Evetta Jones made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Susanne Himstedt-Gilbert seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion carried.

## **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING 12/15/2014**

Anthony Sanders made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Lourdes-Montoya Murphy seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion carried.

## **CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Tonight is Heike's last meeting. She has been a member of this commission for seven years and an associate member for two years before that. She said she plans on taking a year off but is proud of the progress made by the commission during her time on the board. She hopes the commission continues to participate in the Oktoberfest since it is the main fundraiser.

## **REVIEW OF CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Hank Huisking**

Heike welcomed Hank Huisking as the new council liaison. Hank said she is pleased to be a part of this commission. She participated in a trip to Radebeul in 2009. She is interested to learn what the commission wants to do in the future. She said the council is having strategic planning sessions on March 27 and 28 and she would like to hear two years of ideas the commission has before that time.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Victoria Yarbrough**

Victoria wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed Hank Huisking, the new members and future member to the commission.

## **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

John McBee was present. He is interested in being a commission member. Also present were the Buena Sister Cities Club members. After the meeting, the students will give the commission a preview of the Radebeul presentation that will be given to city council later this month.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Commission Vacancy – Heike Shockley**

Evetta Jones has decided not to renew for another term on the commission. Heike thanked her for her service to the commission.

**2. 2015 Student Exchange from Radebeul to Sierra Vista – Heike Shockley**

The students have not yet purchased their tickets, but are looking at these tentative dates: April 8 – April 24. Heike said the students will spend one week in Mexico, so the commission will need to plan for seven days worth of activities.

**3. Treasurer Report – Randi Buros**

Randi reported that the balance in the Wells Fargo account to date is \$4,655.55.

**4. Cananea Outreach**

Heike said there is nothing new to report on this. Victoria said she is working on building a relationship with the new Mexican consulate now that Julio has taken a different position with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

**5. Buena Sister Cities Club Updates – Susan Raymond**

Susan said the members are looking for host families for the 16 students and 2 teachers coming from Radebeul in April. She has invited the home school students to join the club at Buena.

**6. Final Update on N.O.E.L. Fundraiser – Susanne Himstedt-Gilbert**

Susanne used the internet, the Community Market and the German Café restaurant to sell the remaining product from this event. She will send out thank you cards to the merchants who helped.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Vote on Karin Finney’s New Member Application and Lourdes Montoya-Murphy’s Renewal Application – Heike Shockley**

Evetta Jones made a motion to accept Karin’s application. Susanne Himstedt-Gilbert seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion carried.

Anthony Sanders made a motion to accept Lourdes’s application. Randi Buros seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS OF COMMISSIONERS**

There were no announcements or requests.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Hinstedt-Gilbert', written over a horizontal line.

Susanne Hinstedt-Gilbert, Chairperson