



Richmond-Zhoushan Friendship Commission Meeting

February 10, 2021

4pm via Zoom

MINUTES

- I. Welcome and Roll - Commissioners Stanley Li, Margaret Lee, Leonard Berry, James Lee, Eric Peterson, Sara Zhao, Joseph Kong and staff members Trina Jackson and Lucy Zhou were present
Absent: Commissioner Alex Golovets
- II. Review and approve minutes from previous meeting(s). The minutes from the January meeting will be approved at the March meeting.
- III. Treasurer's Report
 - Committee raised funds - \$288.71
 - City allocated funds - \$1,000
- IV. Reports from subcommittees
 - Education -
 - i. Eric reported that the Mandarin School has a new home at the Pinole Middle site. They are currently working on bus services for the Richmond students to attend.
 - ii. Voices Charter School has a Spanish emersion program and they will occupy the former school site
 - iii. Pinole is interested in having an international baccalaureate program
 - iv. The district is still in distance learning
 - v. Albany is reopening for students that are high risk or have special needs
 - Economic - no report
 - Tourism – No change due to COVID-19
- V. Pending Old Business
 - Discuss planning a video conference with Zhoushan officials to communicate about the challenges that both municipalities are having and how it impacts our sister city relationship.

- i.* Suggested date and time –Lucy will contact Jason Huong to discuss.
- ii.* Topics of interest – Joseph suggested offering virtual English courses on Sundays that may coincide with a morning schedule for students in China. Pre-recorded courses may be available to accommodate varying schedules.

Lucy was unable to speak with Jason due to his busy schedule. Will continue to try.

- Discuss offering virtual courses for 7th to 11th graders - **No discussion**

VI. New Business – no new business

VII. Other matters of interest

VIII. Schedule the next meeting - March 10, 2021

IX. Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned at 4:23pm