Richmond-Shimada Friendship Commission

Wednesday, June 6, 2018 - Minutes

6:00 p.m. Shimada Room

440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, Ca.

I) Call to Order - 6:10 PM; in attendance are Commissioners Yas Aoki, Evan Sirchuk, Zelda Holland, Valerie Snider, Marilyn Leong Lee, Josh Miklich

II) Reading and approval of minutes - Zelda motioned to accept Minutes; Yas seconded the motion

III) Input on Agenda - status of Valerie’s application to become Commissioner; Evan to talk to Trina

IV) Commissioner Reports -
   a. Marilyn - Email from Mr. Osada about insurance for Ambassadors; demos and no contact sports advised; Ambassadors to be careful during Shimada activities; Shimada ended up purchasing insurance while our Ambassadors are in Shimada; Mr. Osada is happy that many of the Ambassadors going this summer have hosted; application process went well this year - distributed in Oct., was due in Dec., and selections were made in Feb., so new ambassadors are able to host before going and possibly host again the following year.
   b. Evan and Marilyn - conducted informal tour with Ambassadors prior to Shimada trip to introduce Richmond to Ambassadors - Richmond Art Center, Richmond Museum, Red Oak, Craneway, Rosie the Riveter Museum, Shimada Park; tour beneficial for learning about history of Richmond and for sharing with Shimada; got to see interactions between Ambassadors prior to going.
c. Evan - suggested retooling Itinerary for the next March, 2019 visit and incorporate more interactive conversation sessions

V) Important Business
   a) 2018 Summer Ambassadors Update (send off volunteers) - Evan to meet Ambassadors upon departure; Zelda to meet Ambassadors upon return
   b) New City Budget - July 1, 2018; $1000 from city; overage of $250 from 2017 budget; fundraising events/activities - contact civic organizations, Chevron; Tea - J-Sei Festival; Esther to set-up; Evan has 4 boxes of tea and Josh has 6 boxes of tea; Sycamore Bazaar; SF Cherry Blossom Festival in April; July 4 World One Festival - Evan to check into giving out ice green tea samples and selling tea at $5/box and 2 for $8; volunteers to help are Valerie, Josh, Zelda, Marilyn?; no meeting in July because of holiday; help at World One instead

VI) Good of the Order/Adjournment - 7:30 PM; next meeting - August 1, 2018.