Zhoushan Commission Meeting

August 13, 2018

Minutes

I. Welcome and Roll Call – Matt Lewis, Eric Peterson, James Lee, Joseph Kong, Leonard Berry, Councilmember Martinez, staff members Jackson, Matzorkis and Zhou

II. Review minutes from the June meeting – motion by Eric and Matt seconded. The minutes are approved.

III. Subcommittees
   a. Education – Peterson and Kong facilitated a group of 200 students to travel to China. Peterson plans on continuing such trips. Students have indicated that they wanted to be leads. There was assistance by the PTA to help all students that were eligible to travel. The next delegation will be in 2019 April, engagement activities with Chinese students, visiting different sites in China. $650 per student was raised. Students received college credit.

   Dr. Weh Lee will be teaching at DeAnza, three principals also attended, presentation will be at an upcoming school board meeting.

   Two teachers from Zhoushan are coming in September through January 31, 2019. Host families will be recruited for housing. There will be a $1,300 stipend per person for a family.

   Once the Zhoushan teachers’ visas are approved, the commission can help with creating a schedule.

   Matzorkis and Martinez volunteered to help with transportation

   Peterson suggested a welcome dinner

   Kong suggested a teacher (Joy) that has assisted with family stays before. Mr. Haun who translated for the group in China proposed a project. Kong will follow up with Mr. Huan to obtain details on a Richmond youth ambassador program and if Zhoushan could subsidize the program or a summer program. Kong has indicated that he will brainstorm on a program to get more people from Zhoushan to travel to California.

   Peterson suggested travel to Zhoushan through the Global Exchange Program through the school district.

   b. Economic and Business Development

      Commissioner Lee indicated that the subcommittee hasn’t been able to meet. They’ll possibly meet this week.
c. Matt Lewis had conversations with James, Jim regarding offering a packet to Chinese visitors. See the report submitted by Matt Lewis. Berry suggested updating the presentation videos. Jackson suggested reviewing the videos at the next meeting.