

## **Richmond-Zhoushan Friendship Commission Meeting**

April 12, 2023

4:00pm to 5:00pm

Shimada Room

Join Zoom Meeting

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### **AGENDA**

#### **I. Welcome and Roll**

- Present - Margaret Lee, Ed Medina, Jason Tran, Stanley Li, Bobby Winston, Mayor Martinez and Tony Tomayo
- Absent – Leonard Berry and Alex Golovets

#### **II. Review and approve minutes from the February meeting.**

Margaret made a motion to approve the minutes and Edwin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

#### **III. Treasurer's Report - No Change**

- Commission raised funds - \$2,788.71(Per the March Statement)
- City allocated funds - \$0

#### **IV. Update on the Matzorkis Maritime Skills Program**

- Chair Li congratulated Commissioner Winston on receiving a \$500 grant. This is the second award of three grant applications.
- Contra Costa and Alameda Counties Workforce Board – applied for grants collaboratively with partners
- Third grant application is for \$4.5m
- The commission was encouraged to advocate for Richmond as the host training site. There is only one marine skills program in Southern California. Considering the wind power industry that is growing in California, this is the ideal time to have a program here in Northern California; specifically, Richmond.
- Seattle has a machinery skills program for Boeing. Welders have similar skills needed for maritime work.

- Bobby suggested speaking with Zhoushan to collaborate on an exchange about workforce development for youth. These skills are universal and Richmond needs help in rebuilding vocational education. Bobby invited the commission to visit the welding class at Kennedy High School.
- Next steps – The mayor asked how the commission could support the effort. Advocacy from Richmond elected officials to have Richmond be the host training location. Richmond would be an ideal location to build and maintain the wind mills. Humbolt and LA are strong contenders. The mayor asked for the business plan for the proposed project.
- Stanley mentioned that Commissioner Berry may be able to assist with the bonds and he could continue to promote the Port Feasibility study with SFSU students
- Stanley iterated that the commission is a facilitator of the groundwork for the workforce program and will provide support
- The maritime academy is one of the partners
- The cafeteria building would be a good location for the class. Grant funding could be a source for funding to rehab the building.

#### V. Update on creation of Giving Page by fiscal sponsor Richmond Community Foundation

- Trina reported on conversation with RCF staff
- Tony Tomayo offered to assist with the website
- Need a link from RCF to add to the website

#### VI. Other matters of interest

The commission would like to consider a new meeting schedule and earlier meeting time.

#### VII. Old Business

- Memorial Plaque

***Discussion and Outcome:*** Remove the “.” After the date. The commissioners present preferred Option 1.

- Port Portrero Gateway Sign

**Discussion and Outcome:** The commissioners liked options 1 and 3 but would like to honor the choice of the family.

Stanley asked the mayor to facilitate the approval process with the city.

Fundraising for \$10,000 for both and more for installation

Trina to send the mayor the schematics and text for both signs

VIII. The next meeting will be held on May 10, 2023, via zoom.

IX. Adjourn