



Richmond-Zhoushan Friendship Commission Meeting

August 9, 2023

4:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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Zhoushan Commissioners will be in person at 440 Civic Center Plaza, Council Office Conference Room

DISCUSSION NOTES

- I. Welcome and Roll
 - Present - Chair Li, Co-Chair Lee, Commissioners Winston, Kong, Tran, Mayor Martinez and Staff Liaison Trina Jackson-Lincoln
 - Absent – Commissioners Berry and Golovets

- II. Review and approve minutes from the July meeting.
Outcome and Discussion – The minutes were reviewed, but not approved due to the lack of an in person quorum.

- III. Treasurer’s Report
 - Commission raised funds - \$2,788.71(Per the June Statement)
 - City allocated funds - \$1,000

- IV. Update on the facilitation of the delegation to Zhoushan, China to attend the International Islands Tourism Conference (IITCZS) 2023. Discuss the objective and list interested commissioners.
 - Discuss meeting topics to request of Zhoushan officials
 - i. Foreign Affairs Director to discuss mutual goals for the friendship for 2024-25 and acknowledgment of the 30th Anniversary
 - ii. Maritime Academy
 - iii. Director of Schools – Youth Exchange Program
 - iv. Other – ***Offshore wind opportunities***
 - Confirm Potential Delegates
Mayor Eduardo Martinez, Mayor’s Chief of Staff Shiva Mishek, Chair Stanley Li, Vice Chair Margaret Lee, Commissioner Joseph Kong, Commissioner Bobby Winston, Commissioner Alex Golovets, Congressman Garamendi’s Sr. Field Rep Harpreet Sandu and former Councilmember Nathaniel Bates

Tentative – Harpreet Sandhu and Jason Tran

An invitation should be sent to the full City Council by the mayor. The approval request should be placed on the City Council agenda as soon as possible (Trina). The mayor will send an email to the city manager to request permission for Lucy Zhou to attend the conference and to discuss funding options.

Questions for Lucy and Zhoushan –

- Joseph Kong needs to hire an assistant in China to assist him. He will pay for their hotel accommodations. Is he allowed to bring an assistant to attend the events and meetings in Zhoushan?
- Will there be a meeting to discuss the goals of the relationship between Richmond and Zhoushan
- Need to confirm the number of delegates to be hosted by Zhoushan – potentially 7-10
- What date does Zhoushan prefer the commission to arrive? The conference is from Oct 12-14, 2023.

Discussion and Outcome: It is suggested that delegates meet in Shanghai and travel together to Zhoushan.

- Lucy is gathering gifts for the city and officials. Pottery is suggested. The commissioners are suggested to send ideas to Lucy.
- Tony in the mayor's office is working with Bobby and the students to create the TikTok video that will include info on Richmond and the Offshore Wind Industry.

V. Update on the Maritime Skills Program -

Discussion and Outcome: Bobby reported that the Superintendent of Schools is seeking funding to develop internships with high schools. Malia Vella, Dept Director of (CTE) Career Technical Education is looking to introduce legislation to support the program. MTC is eager to collaborate to provide regional transportation options to and from the training sit. WTA has offered a facility for training

VI. Status report from the Mayor's Office on the proposed presentation to the City Council regarding the Matzorkis Memorial Projects.

Discussion and Outcome: The draft agenda report and supporting documentation has been provided to the Mayor's staff. The mayor will follow up and tentatively place the item on the City Council agenda for October or November. Commissioners were invited to participate in the presentation.

VII. Update of search for a fiscal sponsor

Discussion and Outcome: The Richmond Rotary and Richmond Chamber of Commerce were asked. The Rotary declined. Response from the Chamber of Commerce is pending. Bobby suggested the Ed Fund as an option. Contact: Robert Bunt, WCC public education fund

VIII. Other matters of interest

IX. Adjourn