

# Zhoushan Commission Meeting Minutes

## June 11, 2018

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I. **Welcome and Roll Call:** Commissioners Commissioner Peterson, Matt Lewis, Jessica Liu, Sara Zhao, Leonard Berry. Aaron Peterson (Teacher/Guest), Jim Matzorkis, Lucy Zhou and Trina Jackson

II. **Approval of the May 14, 2018 Minutes:** Chair Zhao motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Peterson. The minutes were approved unanimously

III. **Status of new Zhoushan Commission:** The bank account request has been made to open an account at Mechanics Bank.

#### IV. **Report from Subcommittees:**

##### 1. Education

- a. Commissioner Peterson reported that he has been working with the district and bureau in Zhoushan - two teachers are coming from Zhoushan in the fall. Aaron Peterson will stay in Zhoushan for the entire year. The second teacher, Kira Wallace, who is no longer able to take part in the exchange. Commissioner Peterson will check with an alternate for availability. Zhoushan has an exchange with teachers from Southern Cal.
- b. Teacher - Teachers from Zhoushan, will be teacher assistants at DeAnza Middle School. If not at DeAnza than it could be West County Mandarin or Pinole Middle school.
- c. Commissioner Peterson has a meeting tonight to view a prospective apartment on 36<sup>th</sup> at Macdonald Ave., Richmond, the complex is owned by a Chinese couple and another teacher lives there. A portion of the teachers' salary will have to go toward their housing. Jim informed Commissioner Peterson about a room and board list at Pacific East Mall. Commissioner Peterson will look into a possible home stay.
- d. Commissioner Peterson asked for the commission to assist as a liaison, Commissioner Liu volunteered to be the liaison. Commissioner Peterson will send her the Zhoushan teachers contact information; he will also provide contact information for Aaron Peterson (WCCUSD Teacher). Jim Matzorkis will give Aaron the contact information of government officials in Zhoushan.
- e. Aaron Peterson has taught at Murphy Elementary for the past 8 years, masters and graduate degrees from USF, emerged himself in different cultures and is excited to teach in Zhoushan.
- f. The teachers will arrive on or around August 1st. Aaron will travel to Zhoushan in mid-August for the beginning of school on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Aaron will use the teacher housing on campus at the Zhoushan High School which is a very large school.

2. **Tourism** - Matt reported that he is in New York and will meet with tour and travel clients, some of his clients work with Chinese investors

3. **Business and Economic Development** – No report

V. **Review list of Zhoushan Officials:** An email was sent to Jason Huang, Zhoushan Foreign Affairs; Jim will send me another email.

VI. **Staff Report:** Jackson reported that the city is going to release a RFP for Pt. Molate. Martinez suggested outreaching to Chinese investors for Pt. Molate. The lawsuit has been settled - Richmond has agreed to sell Pt. Molate. Commissioner Berry suggested that the commission stay up to date on the status once the real estate advisor has been selected.

VII. **Other matters of Interest:** the commission will meet every other month and the committees will meet on the off months. Walter Fong is organizing a small delegation to visit the Port of Richmond in the summer.

Commissioner Peterson talked about a program with PCC Education - 170 students (DeAnza, Lovonya Dejean, Kennedy and other schools in the district) and 34 teachers are going as a subsidy group - DeAnza summer kids went for a program in April for \$300. Students will be interns and exchange program leaders for a summer camp program. Jim asked Commissioner Peterson to provide the information in writing to place in the City Managers weekly report.

VIII. **Next Meeting: August 13, 2018 at 4:00PM**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:15PM**