



Richmond-Zhoushan Friendship Commission Meeting

**MINUTES**

July 08, 2019

4:00pm to 5:00pm

Shimada Room, Richmond City Council Chamber

- I. Welcome and Roll Call – **Commissioners Eric Peterson, James Lee and Alex Golovets were present along with Councilmember Martinez, Port Director Jim Matzorkis and Sister City Liaison Trina Jackson**
- II. Review minutes from the June 19, 2019 – **The minutes were reviewed, but not approved due to a lack of a quorum.**
- III. Status of donor letter distribution  
**James will create a PayPal account. Trina to send James the Zhoushan bank account information. There is a donation from the business sector to purchase the airline tickets for the councilmembers.**
- IV. Revise and confirm list of 8 travelers per the request of Zhoushan Mayor and General Director of Culture and Tourism
  - a. **Matt Lewis, Visit Richmond**
  - b. **Lucy Zhou likely will not travel**
  - c. **Eric Peterson will not travel**
  - d. **Leonard Berry is tentative**
  - e. **Demnlus Johnson will travel**
  - f. **Stanley Li – Not traveling**
  - g. **James Lee - tentative**
  - h. **Confirm with Sara Zhao**
- V. Discuss travel arrangements and coordination of delegation to the International Islands Tourism Conference.  
**Travelers were advised to complete the RSVP form and submit to Trina as soon as possible. Trina can get information on a non-stop flight from SFO to Shanghai on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Send information about the hotel so travelers can make their own flight arrangements.**
  - a. **Air china or**
  - b. **United airline not stop flight at \$1,247**

- VI. Reports from subcommittees
- a. **Education – Peterson will send an email to Tony Thurmond to invite him to visit the WC Mandarin School. Joseph Kong and Eric Peterson are traveling to China with their global ambassador program over 100 students and teachers from 7/10 through 7/29 - middle and high school from district high schools and Contra Costa College. Int'l students coming from China and Mexico to be exchange students. Opportunity to open a campus in Shanghai, China. A private school has invited students and teachers to come for a month or more at a time...near to transportation.**
  - b. **Economic Development – No report**
  - c. **Tourism – No report**
- VII. Other matters of interest
- Place the item on the 7/23 City Council Agenda for approval**
- VIII. Next meeting 8/12 at 4pm