

Richmond Shimada Friendship Commission Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2016

7:00pm

Shimada Room

440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, Ca. 94804

I. Call to order

II. Roll call

Chair Pinto, Vice Chair Alford and Commissioners Takeuchi, Miklich, Aoki, Holland and Staff Liaison Trina Jackson

III. Approval of minutes – The minutes from the November meeting were approved as written

IV. Commissioner Reports

Chair Pinto opened the floor for former chaperone Lana Husser. Ms. Husser reported on the proposed exhibit at the Richmond Museum to highlight recent delegation and the Shimada Commission programming. Ms. Husser indicated that the director of the museum is interested in the recent trip. She presented an idea to exhibit the program and sister city relationship at the museum in January.

Exhibit to include gifts and pictures from past years. They could be categorized by decades or highlight specific pictures. The tea could be sold as a fundraiser through the duration of the exhibit.

An opening reception would be held to kick-off the exhibit. The desired time is between January and April. The museum would curate the exhibit at their expense.

Other supporting ideas:

- Yoshi of Yoshi's Jazz Club conducts green tea ceremonies. Lana could consult for assistance
- Former youth ambassadors could talk about their experiences.
- Tatami Mats could be used to have a tea ceremony.

Lana is agreeable to managing the project Multi-media including a presentation for approximately 15 minutes

Outcome: The commission is agreeable to the exhibit and presentation provided that Lana manages the logistics and facilitates the reception.

Commissioner Alford announced that the commission needed to promote the June 2017 Richmond Youth Ambassadors trip. Tasks include reaching out to the counselors and community engagement contacts at the schools

There were no other reports.

V. Open issues

a) **Prep for March visit (Host families, Itinerary, etc.)**

- Commissioners have received confirmation of host families

b) Next meeting (Wednesday, Jan 4)

VI. Adjournment