

**DUNCANVILLE SISTER CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
BRIEFING ROOM, CITY HALL
203 E. WHEATLAND ROAD
JUNE 13, 2019 @ 7:00 P.M.**

A meeting of the Duncanville Sister City Commission was held on Thursday, June 13, 2019, with a quorum present to wit:

Sandra Ciarochi	Commissioner	Present
Kay Kamm	Commissioner	Present
Fred Ciarochi	Commissioner	Present
David Green	Commissioner	Present
Mayor Gordon	Commissioner	Present
Sheila Balagna	Commissioner	Present
Rosalba Lavat	Commissioner	Absent (EX)

Guests: Silvia Lyons
Dario Crosetto

The meeting convened in the Council Briefing Room and was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chair Sandra Ciarochi.

Item No. 1 –Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Commissioner Balagna; seconded by Mayor Barry Gordon to approve minutes from the May 9, 2019 Regular Meeting; passed unanimously in favor.

Item No. 2 Discussion on Planning for 2019 Monasterolo delegation visit to Duncanville:

City Manager Kevin Hugman passed out a list of people who have contacted the City to be potential host families. Commissioner Balagna noted a correction on the list.

Chair Ciarochi noted that Commissioner Balagna changed the host family form to reflect smoking preference, and other information from potential host families.

Chair Ciarochi stated that former Public Works director Mike Hasler would attempt to coordinate a tour at Texas Live.

Chair Ciarochi discussed and updated the Commission on the status of planning various events, including distilleries, the U.S. Mint in Fort Worth, the State Fair, and the DFW National Cemetery.

Commissioner Kamm expressed her thanks to the City for putting a note about Sister City in the weekly newsletter. Commissioner Balagna will send City Manager Kevin Hugman information on the host families.

Item No. 3 Discussion on Promotion and Education of Sister City Relationship:

Sandra Ciarochi noted that one of the Commission's goals is to periodically review collaboration efforts between the two cities. She said this has not been done and suggested a group of representatives from

across the community to visit with some of the Monasterolo delegation to discuss schools, senior community groups, and businesses.

Mayor Barry Gordon stated that the ability to raise funds in the community is based on hearing clearly articulated points about the importance, value and benefit Sister City brings to the community. From there, receiving community support will not be difficult.

Commissioner Kamm read an excerpt from the Sister City International mission about the need for Sister City relations. Chair Ciarochi asked Kay Kamm to help draft some statements regarding how it benefits the residents of Duncanville.

Fred Ciarochi said the purpose of Sister City is to establish relationships and have a cultural exchange. President Eisenhower established Sister City with the idea that if people of different cultures know each other and have relationships, they will be less likely to go to war.

Item No. 4 Receive Public Comments:

Dario Crosetto spoke and suggested all history and information be posted on the website, referring to the information he provided.

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Kevin Hugman, City Manager



Sandra Ciarochi, President