

**MINUTES OF THE SISTER CITIES PROGRAM COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
REGULAR MEETING - APRIL 23, 2025**

4/23/2025 - Sister Cities Program Committee Minutes

- 1 Declaration of a quorum and call meeting to order

Meeting called to order at 11:30 a.m.

- 2 Roll Call

Present: Chair Cappadona, Vice Chair Tregre, CM Adams, CM Donlon, and Ex-Officio Sharon Lewis

Absent: CM Bolton-Legg, CM D. Williams, and CM Rooks

- 3 Consider Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Vice Chair Tregre

Second by CM Donlon

Motion carried by those present

- 4 Requests To Address The Board

Senior Admin. Asst. Martha Alvarez addressed the committee on the Absentee Policy.

- 5 Updates on sister cities

5.A Niigata

CM Donlon shared her experience during her Japan trip. She stated that they kept the group on a very tight schedule. She also mentioned that Niigata is a real clean city. She went on to say that the food was excellent and everyone was so nice and cordial. Ex-Ofiicio Lewis reported that Niigata has a lot of flooding due to so much snow they get. She also updated the Committee on the Zoom meeting that took place on April 14,2025. She reported that there will be 3 groups visiting Galveston. They requested their need for a Home Stay for the Friendship Group; they requested a Committee Member to meet the Friendship Group at the Airport; Niigata will pay for the transportation to Galveston from the Airport; the Friendship group has no particular plans at the moment for what they want to do when they visit Galveston; and they requested that all 3 groups meet in Galveston once they have all arrived. Chair Cappadona assigned Niigata Sister City to CM Bolton-Legg and Vice

Chair Tregre.

5.B Veracruz

Chair Cappadona assigned CM D. Williams and CM Rooks to Veracruz Sister City.

5.C Macharaviaya

Chair Cappadona assigned CM Donlon to Macharaviaya Sister City.

5.D Stavanger

Chair Cappadona assigned Stavanger Sister City to CM Adams.

6 Discussion of 60th Anniversary with Niigata

Chair Cappadona led the discussion on the 60th Anniversary with Niigata. He stated that he was going to get together with CM Bolton-Legg to co-ordinate a "Social" so that the Committee can get together and discuss and assign duties to all members and volunteers. Assistant City Secretary Nellie stated that she would be providing a light lunch on behalf of the City of Galeston.

7 Additional input from Board, Staff, Guests

Chair Cappadona announced the three names of the new volunteers: Aubrie Booth, Erica Gartee, and Rick Anosen

8 Date and Time of Next Meeting

May 20, 2025

9 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.



Manuela "Nellie" De La Fuente

Asst. City Secretary

Date Approved: