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NOTICE

THERE SHALL BE A MEETING OF THE
 SISTER CITY ADVISORY TASK FORCE

DATE: THURSDAY, JULY 31, 1997
 TIME: 3:00 P.M.
 PLACE: COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM
 HONOLULU HALE, SECOND FLOOR
 CHAIR: COUNCILMEMBER RENE MANSHO

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AGENDA

1. Approval of June 12, 1997 Minutes
2. Committee Reports
3. Correspondence
 - a. SCTF goodwill letter to Kaohsiung city

Unfinished Business

4. Update of Sister City Applications
5. Discussion of designated liaisons from Task Force for each Sister City

New Business

6. Zhongshan City - Council Approval on June 18, 1997
 - a. Letter sent to Task Force with Resolution
7. Discussion on 1996 Annual Report for Sister City Program - EDPT Committee on June 25, 1997
8. Proposed Nagasaki Sister City
9. Announcements
 - a. 1997 24th Biennial Japan American Conference of Mayors and Chamber of Commerce Presidents on November 9-13, 1997
 - b. Hiroshima and Nagasaki Peace Ceremony in August 1997
10. Next Scheduled Meeting
11. Adjournment

If you have any questions or comments, contact Councilmember Rene Mansho via e-mail address at: rmansho@gold.chem.hawaii.edu

Note: The public is invited to attend this task force meeting for information. Oral testimony will not be accepted.

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SISTER CITIES ADVISORY TASK FORCE MEETING
COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM
JULY 31, 1997

MINUTES

- I. Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Lynette Char at 3:10 p.m.
- II. ATTENDANCE
 - A. Committee Members:
 - .Councilmember Rene Mansho, Co-Chair
 - .Lynette Char, Mayor's Office, Co-Chair
 - .Bob Matthews, ICICX
 - .Karen Knudsen, East-West Center
 - .Mieko Otsuka, Circle Rainbow Air
 - .Bill Brophy, Hawaii Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
 - .Helen Chapin, Hawaii Pacific University
 - .Ron Ushijima, Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce
 - .Paul Rehob, Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii
 - .Wesley Fong, Chinese Chamber of Commerce
 - .Kenneth Chong, Chinese Chamber of Commerce
 - B. Others in Attendance:
 - .Cookie Harris, staff of Councilmember Rene Mansho
 - .Joyce Oliveira, staff of Councilmember Donna Mercado Kim
 - .Rich Nono, staff of Councilmember Mufi Hannemann
- III. MINUTES:

Minutes of June 12, 1997, were approved as circulated.
- IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No committee reports

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V. CORRESPONDENCE:

Copy of the Council's goodwill letter to the City of Kaohsiung was circulated.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A) Profile Form for Sister City Affiliation

Co-Chair Lynette Char revised the Profile Form for Sister City Affiliation to place emphasis on the task force's concern for a support organization. Pages 2 and 6 on the Profile Form makes reference for a local organization or group to be responsible for sister city relationship and for financial support of events/visitors.

Discussion followed. Task force members would like changes to profile form on page 3 to read, "Is there a local organization or group in Honolulu that will be responsible for the on-going Sister City relationship?". Delete reference to any "financial support" and notation regarding determination of sister city relationship. It was moved by Wesley Fong and seconded by Karen Knudsen to adopt new language in the Profile Form for Sister City Affiliation as amended.

Co-Chair Rene Mansho advised that profile form applications are available to the public as well as task force members for issuance to any sister city relationship interest. Co-Chair Lynette Char also announced that the City's web page will incorporate the application in the near future.

B) Designated Liaisons from Task Force for Sister City

Co-Chair Lynette Char circulated a sister city relationship contact list asking task force members to assist in updating each sister city relationship with a Honolulu contact person or a responsible organization.

Although the sister city task force is requesting for a responsible organization to be representative for the sister city, it was recommended that a contact person for the organization be the lead person to whom the task force can direct any questions or information to and the same for the contact person.

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce President, Wesley Fong, volunteered to research all the Chinese sister cities: Kaohsiung, Taiwan and Hainan Island, PRC in determining and making recommendation for a contact person or organization. Zhongshan City is already under the Chinese Chamber of Commerce along with the Chungsan Association.

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Rose Churma, President of the Filipino Chamber of Commerce will be notified for all sister cities in the Philippines: Laoag City, Manila, Cebu City, and Baguio City.

President Ron Ushijima of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce will research for sister cities, Hiroshima and Tokyo.

Other sister city affiliations:

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| Naha City, Okinawa | - | United Okinawan Association |
| Bombay, India | - | Sheila Watumull |
| Seoul, Korea | - | Korean Chamber of Commerce |
| Funchal, Portugal | - | John Henry Felix |
| Bruyeres, France | - | France Hawaii Association
Sandra Silve/988-4025
or 100th Batallion |
| Hue, Vietnam | - | Ralph Portmore
Vietnamese American Chamber of Commerce
c/o Chamber of Commerce
1132 Bishop Street, #200
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Research will be done on each sister city resolution as to who supported the resolution for a sister city relationship.

Co-Chair Lynette Char will update the sister city relationship contact list to include the Consular Corp affiliation and to notify the above contact persons of their affiliation to the City's sister city relationship.

Co-Chair Rene Mansho reminded the task force about the mission of the Sister Cities Advisory Task Force is to provide meaningful substantive activities through international business development for their relationship rather than a social gathering of goodwill and peace. The task force is the support system for the sister city relationships and if no contact person is available, then the Mayor's Office or the City's Protocol Officer can be available for direction.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1) A copy of a letter and the Zhongshan resolution which was sent to all members of the task force was included in today's packet.

2) Video presentation on Zhongshan City by Chinese Chamber of Commerce President Wesley Fong. Zhongshan City received an award as the cleanest city in China. It is the most beautifully maintained city in China.

The presentation of honorary certificates to the Mayor of Zhongshan from the City Council and the Mayor of Honolulu was received with great enthusiasm and fanfare. The Mayor will be visiting Honolulu in December. There will be ten mayors and 3 governors from China who will be part of the Zhongshan delegation.

With the CCH visit to Kaohsiung, Taiwan, Mayor Wu of Kaohsiung is requesting a closer relationship with Honolulu and a possible Dragon Boat Race in their city since a Dragon Boat Race has been done in Honolulu.

Task Force member Kenneth Chong says that there has been a continuing exchange of Honolulu physicians and Zhongshan physicians with health care training sessions. The Honolulu physicians have donated medical equipment and have trained the Zhongshan physicians on the proper use of equipment as well as medical technology.

Although we are sister city relationships, the private sectors through the efforts of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce have hosted and offered special training on health care and hotel management skills to representatives from China.

Bringing sister cities together in a closer relationship would stimulate international business developments by offering support through festivals and trade shows.

Both Co-Chairs deferred items #7 (1996 Annual Report for Sister City Program) and #8 (Proposed Nagasaki Sister City) on today's agenda to next scheduled meeting.

VIII. Announcements

1) Bill Brophy announced that Caracas, Venezuela is interested in becoming a sister city. The Vice-Mayor of Caracas was in Honolulu and will be in contact with Bill Brophy in establishing a sister city relationship.

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2) Ron Ushijima says HJCC is hosting the JACMCCP on November 9-13, 1997, at the Sheraton Waikiki. Plans are still in progress, about 95% completed in the confirmation of speakers. The City allocated \$235,000 for this conference.

3) Mieko Otsuka and Co-Chair Rene Mansho will be attending the World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-City Solidarity, August 4-10, 1997, in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The conference is to promote peace in the world and to abolish nuclear activity. The conference meets every four years and has a membership of 99 countries and 419 cities, to date, 390 countries and 41 cities have registered for this conference.

IX. Next scheduled meeting: August 28, 1997 - Thursday 3:00 p.m. - Council Committee Room

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.