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

DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1996
TIME: 2:00 P.M.
PLACE: MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM
HONOLULU HALE, THIRD FLOOR
CHAIR: COUNCILMEMBER RENE MANSHO

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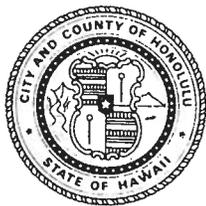
AGENDA

1. Approval of October 15, 1996 Minutes
2. Approval of recommendations for revisions to current criteria.
3. Approval of form to proposed sister cities.
4. Committee Reports

If you have any questions or comments, contact the IGR Committee via its e-mail address at: igr@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
MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM
NOVEMBER 12, 1996
MINUTES**

- I. Meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Councilmember Rene Mansho
- II. ATTENDANCE:
 - A. Committee Members:
 - Rene Mansho, Councilmember (Co-Chair)
 - Lynette Char, Mayor's Office (Co-Chair)
 - Ken Chong, Chinese Chamber
 - Richard Bahar, DBEDT
 - Anthony Chang, Corporation Counsel
 - Paul Rehob, Vietnamese-American Chamber
 - Colin McDonald, Consular Corps
 - Ron Ushijima, Japanese Chamber
 - B. Others in Attendance:
 - Max Wang, representing Dalian, China
 - Michelle Kidani, Councilmember Mansho Staff
 - Rich Nono, Councilmember Hanneman Staff
- III. Approval of Minutes of October 15, 1996. No objections to minutes.
- IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Sister Cities International (SCI)
 1. Lynette Char distributed handouts she received from SCI. It appears that only one city per county can become a sister city. Lynette has written to SCI to determine what we are required to do in cases where we already have more than one per country. If we have to choose between being a member of SCI or giving up some sister cities, what are we going to recommend?
 - a) Is SCI aware that we have more than one per country? Can we get exemption?
 - b) How does having multiple sister cities affect our standing? (Honolulu has always been a member--we just never paid dues before. Dues would be 1,050/yr.)
 - c) Lynette recommended we get a focus group together to work on this issue. Will contact Gen. Wolff.
 - d) We need to weigh benefits of belong to SCI against their policies
 - e) Lynette will look through the directory for duplicate cities.

2. We need to set deadline for info gathering so we can make decision soon.
 - a) The consensus of the group was that SCI needs us more than we need them
 - b) contact other counties who are not members and see how they handle sister city needs
 - c) contact other counties who are members and see what they get out of SCI membership
 - d) does it matter to cities who want sister-city relationship with Honolulu whether or not we belong to SCI?
 - e) Ken Chong indicated concern that Wes Fong relayed to him after last meeting. There may be potential problems with government asking private sector (ethnic chambers) to host receptions for visiting dignitaries if there was no support from the chamber to have sister-city relationship (hosting receptions would be voluntary)
3. Phone Conference with SCI
 - a) Lynette, Paul and Richard will draw up list of questions which need answering and have a pre-arranged conference call with SCI (send Lynette any questions you want answered)
 - b) call to take place on Wednesday of next week (November 20th)
4. Amending current Council policy
 - a) after recommendations have been finalized by this body, then we can introduce a new Council Resolution setting forth new policies.
 - b) policies can be changed later if task force has amendments

V. Committee Reports

- A. Committee Reports to be held for next meeting.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next meeting is scheduled for **December 5th, 2:00 p.m.** in the Mayor's Conference Room
2. DBEDT signing of sister/province agreement with the Government of Cebu has been postponed from December 6th to 12th.

VII. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.