

## **Agenda for Sept 5, 2012**

Hayward-Ghazni Friendship City Partnership/ Sister City Committee  
Room 4A Hayward City Hall

### **Approval of Agenda**

### **Approval of Minutes**

### **Treasurer's Report**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Roots of Peace "Pennies Campaign"

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- The fall NorCal Sister City Conference, Fremont, Saturday October 20.
- The role of the host committee (that's us).
- The fundraising possibilities for the host committee.
- Defining tasks and assigning volunteers.
- Our major workshop on Developing Afghan Sister City Partnerships.

Dinner/Reception on Friday evening October 19

Next fundraiser scheduled for March 7, 2013, will have the theme *Honoring the History and Culture of Ghazni* focused on celebrating Ghazni as the 2013 Asian Center of Islamic Culture. Detailed planning for this event will be the second priority after the NorCal Conference in October.

Ghazni 2013 trip in September/October 2013

### **MEMBER COMMENTS**

### **FEEDBACK ON MEETING**

**Next meeting on Wednesday, October 3, 2012, 7 pm in room 4A of City Hall (17 days before NorCal SCI Conference).**

## Hayward-Ghazni Friendship City Partnership

Agenda July 11, 2012

*Meeting convened 7:14 p.m.*

*Attending: Bruce Green, Arif Yaqubi, Ghazala Noor, Carol Ruth Silver, Rahima Haya, Taher Sarwary, Stephanie Spencer*

Before the official meeting, Bruce shared an article about Sayeed Sahar Gul, who was assassinated recently. He was a mentor and supporter of Arif Yaqubi's journalism studies. Arif shared a tribute and remembrance.

Approval of agenda and Approval of minutes with these changes: Pennies campaign is a fundraising effort for Roots of Peace, rather than that the Pennies campaign is a different organization. Motion by Carol Ruth Silver; Approved by all

### Treasurer's Report

Hamed still has the financial software, and will soon download it onto Ghazala's computer to train her. The committee's P.O. Box contract expired, and Bruce renewed it. The key was changed, and Bruce's old key doesn't work, but they required a new form that needed proof of residence—this has been difficult to establish. So the mail is being held, but we currently don't have access. One possible solution is to rent a private post box, or to keep the P.O. Box and to change the forwarding order to whomever is the current treasurer. Bruce will investigate the options for maintaining a Hayward post box for the committee so that changing leadership would continue to have access.

### Old Business

Question from Mr. Sarwary about the purpose of the committee? Carol Ruth provided a quick overview of the Committee's history. Founded after 2001 war began to help Afghan people. Carol Ruth went to Afghanistan to find out what was most needed, and the answer was education. CRS, Rahima, and Humaira went to Ghazni to create the sister city relationship and started the widows literacy project. Chose Ghazni since Humaira has some relatives there. Have also raised money for a refrigerator and for soccer balls. However, haven't been able to establish a parallel committee of community members in Ghazni. How would it be possible to start a partner group in Ghazni? The committee has made invitations to Afghans in the Bay Area to join the committee in Hayward. It would be ideal to have more people with ties to Ghazni on the committee, and the committee would be stronger and the people from Ghazni would have more opportunities for working in Ghazni by working with the committee. Mr. Sarwary knows several people from Ghazni, and he will invite them to come to the next meeting. We will keep working on bringing new people onto the committee.

### **Roots of Peace Pennies of Peace Campaign**

No further news since the last meeting. Bruce sent the minutes from the June meeting to them with a request that they review the motion. We still need to convene a meeting with them to clarify the campaign process and how to distinguish this campaign from the

Central Asian Institute which also was building schools and might be confused with the Pennies for Peace Campaign.

### New Business

#### **Fall NorCal Sister City Conference, Fremont, Sat., 10/20**

Speaker will be the president of Sister Cities International. Hopefully this conference will be an opportunity to pursue the new sister city relationships between Fremont & Herat and Kabul & San Jose, and to encourage the political leadership in both cities to attend. There will be workshops at the conference, and committee members could volunteer in the planning for that conference. Contact Bruce for more information. There is a planning meeting at the end of July. **Social Event Friday, 10/19**

**Next fundraiser March 7, 2013**—theme focused on Celebrating Ghazni as the Islamic Capital of Culture for Asia in 2013. Projects in Ghazni are not progressing as quickly as had been hoped, so if the official honor is withdrawn, our theme needs to celebrate Ghazni without being tied to the official celebration. Our fundraising theme: *Honoring the History and Culture of Ghazni*. This will be used on our “save the date” publicity.

**Moved by CRS:** Theme and title of fundraiser in March is Honoring the History and Culture of Ghazni. Second: SSS; unanimously approved.

**We will need to find a new caterer:** some ideas—Maiwan Kabob House, or Kabul Restaurant. It would be ideal to find a caterer in Hayward. There is a new owner of the Kabul Restaurant.

**Ideas for speakers:** **Dr. Qayoumi**; (Khalid Hussein would he be best for the Herat Sister City committee?); Tamim Ansary; **Taib Jawad** (former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador to U.S.); proverbs by Edward Zelle (151 *Afghan Dari Proverbs*); Bill Quirk; **Arif Yaqubi**—culture of Ghanzi, with his photos;

**Stetson Sanders**; Hayward City Council representative (someone who can replace Bill Quirk in his official capacity); Mrs. Nazama Momand (chef); Johad. Next steps: Bruce will send an email to Stetson, Dr. Qayoumi, Taib Jawad, Nazama Momand, and Edward Zelle to introduce the theme and to see if any of them would be available on March 7. Bill Quirk as the M.C. Stephanie will create a planning template for the September meeting.

**Trip to Ghazni**—no new developments.

### Member Comments

Arif Yaqubi proposes to organize a concert with a good singer at an event about Ghazni at a restaurant that would draw an Afghan audience. He would do the publicity, and this could also be a fundraiser.

Motion to adjourn: CRS. 9:03 adjourned.

Feedback on Meeting: none.

**Next Meeting, Wed., Sept. 5, 2012.** Please note since Ramadan is July 20—August 19, we will not have a meeting in August.