

Agenda for October 3, 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

1. Planning The fall NorCal Sister City Conference, Fremont, Saturday October 20.
 - a. Defining tasks and assigning volunteers. The major tool for this is the Google docs spreadsheet, and hard copies of latest edition will be provided at meeting. Ahead of the meeting the tool can be viewed at: <http://goo.gl/nXcFL>
 - b. Dinner/Reception on Friday evening October 19
2. Next fundraiser tentatively 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.
3. Ghazni 2013 trip in September/October 2013
4. Roots of Peace "Pennies Campaign"

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion about the involvement of the GHFCP committee in the development of other Afghan--NorCal sister cities.

MEMBER COMMENTS

FEEDBACK ON MEETING

Next meeting on Wednesday, November , 2012, 7 pm in room 4A of City Hall

Hayward-Ghazni Friendship City Partnership Minutes September 5, 2012

Meeting convened 7:14 p.m.

Attending: Bruce Green, Arif Yaqubi, Stephanie Spencer

Special guests: Mohammad Mojaddedi, M. Tariq Mehdavi, attending because of their interest in supporting the development of a Sister City relationship between Herat and a city in Northern California

Bruce had invited Afghan community members originally from Herat, who were interested in developing a sister city relationship between Herat and a Northern California city, to observe the Ghazni Hayward Friendship City Partnership meeting. Since there was not a quorum of GHFCP members, the group discussed recent opportunities to proceed in strengthening ties between San Jose or Fremont and Herat. A delegation from Herat is in the planning by [US State Dept?], and had hoped to be able to visit California this fall, but they won't be able to come until January 2013. This delegation would include the mayor of Herat, other dignitaries, and media members. However, a professor from Herat University will be here at San Jose State this semester.

According to Tariq Mehdavi, Dr. Qayoumi has met with San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed, and understood that he will support developing a sister city relationship with Herat.

In addition, there is a possibility of arranging for a visitor from Kabul, who might be able to explore a Sister City relationship with a Northern California city, as well. For this to be arranged, the invitation would need to be issued by the Northern California Chapter of Sister Cities International. It couldn't come from GHFCP Committee, because we can't be an official sponsor of a visitor using our funds. This might only be possible if there were a donation of funds from another source to cover the visitor's expenses. So further exploration of this possibility will be referred to the Northern California Chapter for follow-up.

Approval of September 2012 Agenda and Approval of July 2012 Minutes

Deferred because of lack of quorum.

Treasurer's Report

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Old Business

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New Business

Fall NorCal Sister City Conference, Fremont, 10/19 & 10/20

The HGFCP is responsible for planning and coordinating the Friday evening social event related to the conference, and for presenting a workshop on Saturday during

the conference. We are also responsible for arranging for meals (continental breakfast and lunch). A caterer for the lunch has already been chosen.

Friday evening, 10/19, Social and GHFCP Fundraiser:

This event will be a dinner at the home of Taiba Hussaini, for 40 to 60 guests. It will be open to members of local sister cities, local Afghan community members, and other participants in the NorCal Conference.

This would be a good opportunity for local community members interested in developing a Herat Sister City effort to meet informally. Mr. Mojaddedi is the representative of the local Herat community. The proceeds of the evening event (beyond the meal costs) could go to the Herat-San Jose Sister City formation committee. Ideally 10-15 people from Herat could commit to attending the event.

The Herat-San Jose formation committee could be the hosts of the event and provide the meal. They could also develop and present a PowerPoint presentation to introduce Herat to the Friday night attendees.

The Herat group will meet on Saturday, September 16 to continue planning the Herat-San Jose project, and they will invite other Heratis who live in San Jose. This planning meeting will also discuss working on the PowerPoint and other information that could be presented at the Friday evening (10/19) event.

Saturday, 10/20, GHFCP Responsibilities:

Workshop—The workshop will focus on the Afghan city partnerships in the Bay Area. We need to identify speakers. Bruce will ask Dr. Qayoumi.

GHFCP Display—this has already been developed, and Bruce will borrow the tri-fold background board for the table top display.

Silent Auction & Raffle—Bruce is working on identifying items that could be donated for these GHFCP fundraising items. Please let him know if you have something that could be included.

Next fundraiser March 7, 2013—

Discussion deferred until after October 20 NorCal Sister Cities Conference

Trip to Ghazni—no new developments. Further discussion deferred until there is additional information to help determine the appropriate timing of the trip.

Member Comments

none

8:35 adjourned.

Next Meeting, Wed., October 3, 2012.