

Sister City Economic & Cultural Development Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Version No.1 | Thursday 12 April 2012 Jimmy Ho | Economic and Social Development This was deferred going back to Council due to timing. Defer discussion until General business.

PENDING

iii. Italian delegation

Tony Brun to report outcomes of the visit to the Sister City Committee.

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iv. Kosai, Japan

Andrea Selvey to report outcomes of the visit to the Sister City Committee

Representative from the Australia-Japan Society of Geraldton-Greenough to be invited to a Committee meeting to present on the relationship.

Karen to check with Andrea as to what was in the letter to Kosai following the visit. When was it sent and have we received a response.

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New Action: Karen Godfrey to check with Andrea Selvey as to what communications have been done with Kosai since the visit, and in addition to education, is there any intention from their end to deepen and broaden the cooperation between Kosai and the City, toward a formal Sister City relationship -

v. Invitation letters to Qingdao sailing association delegations

City staff to liaise with Geraldton Yacht Club and Qing Dao to progress invitations for both delegations

COMPLETE

Minutes from last meeting moved by Ron

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Recommendations to move forward:

- i. Yueqing and Haiyan it is considered that these cities will not be suitable for a formal Sister City relationship, however the bulb be options for development of mutually beneficial specific area of cooperation into the future. Yueqing is very much interested in specifying the scopes of cooperation and emphasis on actual/practical outcomes to be derived. It could be possible to still achieve close collaboration with them, while being a Sister City with Wenzhou.
- ii. Lishui, Wenzhou, Qingdao and Zhanjiang no further decision should be made on the suitability of these candidates/cities to progress further development towards a Sister City relationship status until they have had a chance to visit Geraldton and complete their respective due diligence. See item 4 for Committee decision.
- iii. T also possibility of hav

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i. Education:

Grammar can t cope with the number of requests for exchange that have arisen since the delegation.

It should be considered to encourage teaching of Mandarin in Geraldton (from primary schools up to the adult/community learning level as well as across different industries) to show how serious the City is in establishing close relationship with China. This suggestion could be brought to one of the monthly Principals meetings.

Recommendation: An education sub-committee should be developed consisting of Susan Shaw, Bert Beevers, Meredith Wills, Chris Gabelish, Peter Klein, representative from Nagle, representatives from local Primary schools.

ii. Industry:

There needs to be an understanding at the industry level as to the benefits of these relationships with Chinese cities.

Recommendation: 5 min presentation to be done at the launch of the investment brochure.

Recommendation: presentation to be included at the Economic Alliance or Resources Forum in August.

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i. Taking into consideration the level of hospitality when we visited China we need larger budget to account for their visits and to further the C promotion.

Recommendation: A combined budget is required to progress this. \$100,000 in the next financial year is to be allocated for marketing promotion, reciprocation (8 visits), visits, gifts etc.

Moved Ron.

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i. Proposed MOU and visit between Geraldton and Bukittinggi:

Review of Council res from Feb 2011.

Recommendation: Defer visit to and relationship with Bukittinggi while further negotiations with China are progressed, due to the workload and commitment required. We continue to support the education relationships between both cities. The committee would like further understanding of the scope of cooperation in the MOU.

Moved Meredith.

- ii. Invitation to China delegates to join Sister City Committee or sub-committee: (see item 8/iii below)
- iii. Review of Sister City Policy: Add that other people can be co-opted to sub committees. Add port and airport to the selection criteria. Update Central West Tafe to read Durack.

Recommendation: Amend policy to reflect above and vote by assent.

Note: It is confirmed that there was a quorum from the committee voted for making the above recommn50a/ETBTB(/50a/Tm[i)5)-6(esM)4(O)-4(U.)]TJETBT2 0 0 1 100.34 267.77 Tm[)]TJETBT1 01et