

**Minutes of the Phoenix Sister Cities Hermosillo Committee**  
**Tuesday February 13, 2018**  
Half Moon Sports Grill, 2121 E Highland Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85016

Attendees: Rick Gerrard, Emilio Gaynor, Brian Weymouth, Mike Rakowsky, MaryJane Trunzo, Frank Beltran, Connie Lords, Joel McGraw, Annmarie Alaniz, Mayra Driessen.

Call to order: Meeting of the Hermosillo Committee was called to order at 6:05 pm by committee Chairman, Emilio Gaynor.

Welcome and introduction of attendees.

Minutes for Tuesday, January 9, 2018 meeting motioned for approval by Mike Rakowsky, seconded by Frank Beltran. Motion carried.

Hermosillo Burn Task Force: Mike Rakowsky reported the two medical students from Hermosillo, training at the MIHS Arizona Burn Center, Lydia Wahnatah and Mariana Chazaro, are grateful for the experience they have had. Emilio would like to continue to support this program. Emilio states he would like the Project Cure container delivered to the state hospital in Hermosillo as soon as possible. Rick Gerrard states they are waiting for approval of supplies from Dr. Foster and Ruth Rimmer. Also, Project Cure is looking for a sponsor for the \$5,000 needed to finish funding this project.

Youth & Education: Mike Rakowsky reported the 2018-19 Youth Ambassadors have been interviewed and selected. The announcement event will take place Friday, February 16 in the Atrium at Phoenix City Hall.

Economic Development: Frank Beltran reported on the international trade and business seminar held in Phoenix by the Industrial Development Commission of Mexicali with many topics presented and an overview of the program called "Skybridge" just announced by AZ Governor Ducey. The event called Expo Business will be held in mid-March. Info can be found at [www.expobusiness.com.mx](http://www.expobusiness.com.mx). Through M.A.G., arrangements are being made for elected officials and business people from Sonora to attend Spring baseball training here in Phoenix to solidify relationships. Rick Gerrard announced the "AZ & Mexico Town Hall" event, which can help expand business opportunities between AZ and Mexico. This will be held on April 26 & 27 at the Hotel Lucerna in Hermosillo, Sonora. Register now if interested.

Disabilities Committee: MaryJane Trunzo reported the PSC International Competition for Writers with Disabilities is accepting entries and needs entries from Hermosillo. The awards event will be Friday June 8. More info can be found at [www.phoenixsistercities.org](http://www.phoenixsistercities.org). She states Daring Adventures is in need of volunteers to help with outdoor activities for the disabled.

Sports Activities: Approval of expenditure to host luncheon for youth sports team up to \$170.00. Motion for approval by Emilio, seconded by MaryJane and approved by all attendees.

40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: Rick Gerrard reported the May 10 – 12 dates will not work for Phoenix City Councilman Michael Nowakowski. Since the agenda is in place, Rick, Emilio, and MaryJane will look at the calendar to determine dates that will work for us and the Hermosillo delegation. Emilio states \$10,000 has been committed by donors for the anniversary.

PSC Updates: Rick Gerrard reported on upcoming Chinese Week February 16-18 with the banquet on February 24, Matusuri Festival on February 24-25, Evening in Prague on March 17, and Chengdu China outbound delegation trip March 17-28. For more information on these events and others, visit [www.phoenixsistercities.org](http://www.phoenixsistercities.org).

Call to the Public: Joel McGraw reported on the Mining Convention in Hermosillo the first week in April. Mayra Driessen would like monies for the keychains and goodies sold at the Skate It Forward fund raiser to be put on the agenda for approval next month. Rick Gerrard states that our committee raised close to \$78 at the Skate It Forward event and each committee received \$177 from ticket sales. Today is Enrique Aguayo's birthday and we sang to him via phone as a committee.

Meeting motioned to adjourn at 7:10 pm by Mike Rakowsky, seconded by Joel McGraw and approved by all attendees.