



Via Teleconference

AGENDA
VALLEJO SISTER CITY
COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – 4:30 p.m.

APRIL 19, 2021

Elissa Shanks-Stewart,
Chairperson
Vernon Williams III, Vice Chair
Emma del Rosario
Diana Dowling
Karen Lowe
Norma Placido
Pelton Stewart

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COMMISSION MEETING

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City of Vallejo Sister City Commission

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Report from Executive Assistant to the Mayor, Secretary to the Commission
- B. Report from Council Liaison to the Vallejo Sister City Commission
- C. Report from Chair to the Vallejo Sister City Commission

5. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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A. Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: By motion, approve the Minutes for the February 24, 2020, Vallejo Sister City Commission Special Meeting.

B. Approval of Agenda

6. OLD BUSINESS

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- A. **Accept final draft of new procedures for selection of Friendship City and Sister City**
- B. **Review revisions of timeline on when a Friendship City becomes a Sister City**

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- A. **Review MOU for all Sister Cities**
- B. **Approval of Friendship City/Cities in Afghanistan**
- C. **Confirmation of Committee and subcommittee chairs**
- D. **Expenditures – gifts for officials, visiting delegations, permanent banners, equipment**

8. REPORT FROM COMMISSIONERS AND AD HOC COMMITTEES – COMMISSIONERS WILL PROVIDE IF THEY HAVE ANY UPDATES

- A. **Committee Reports**
 - 1. Trondheim, Norway
 - 2. Baguio City, Philippines
 - 3. Bagamoyo, Tanzania
 - 4. Jincheon, South Korea
 - 5. La Spezia, Italy
 - 6. Akashi, Japan
- B. **Friendship Cities Subcommittee Reports**

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1. Ensenada, Mexico
2. Muju, South Korea
3. Ennery, Haiti
4. Rota, Northern Mariana Islands (U.S. Commonwealth)
5. Zanzibar, Tanzania
6. Seven Generations Inner Tribal Council

9. NEXT REGULAR BI-MONTHLY MEETING: June 21, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT

I, Erik Rzomp, Executive Assistant to the Mayor do hereby certify that I have caused a true copy of the above notice and agenda to be delivered to each of the members of the Vallejo Sister City Commission, at the time and in the manner prescribed by law and that this agenda was posted at City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo CA at 5:00 p.m., April 15, 2021.

Dated: April 15, 2021



Erik Rzomp, Executive Assistant to the Mayor

**SISTER CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
VALLEJO ROOM, JFK LIBRARY
FEBRUARY 24, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Shanks-Stewart at 7:30 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Chair Shanks-Stewart, Vice Chair Williams, Commissioners del Rosario arriving at 7:39 P.M., Dowling, Lowe, Placido and Stewart arriving at 7:46 P.M.

City Staff Present: Executive Assistant to the Mayor Bennett, Councilmember Liaison Verder-Aliga was out of the country and could not attend

4. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Report from Executive Assistant to Mayor, staff to Sister City Commission.

B. Report from the Council Liaison to the Sister City Commission.

C. Report from Chair to the Vallejo Sister City Commission.

Executive Assistant to the Mayor Bennett reminded the group about the "Boards & Commissions Appreciation Dinner" scheduled for March 4th at 6:00 P.M. in the Vallejo Room at the JFK Library. EA Bennett noted that it is the responsibility of the Commissioners to notify the Secretary and the Clerk's office of any changes to their contact information (email, phone number, mailing address, etc). She noted that typically all of the communication from the Secretary and Chair are sent via email. EA Bennett reminded the Commissioners since the last meeting to turn in invoices for payment for the current fiscal year.

Council Liaison Verder-Aliga was out of the country, so could not give a report.

Chair Shanks-Stewart said that the visit with Mayor Guico from Binalonan and his delegation went well. She attended the "meet and greet" at Mayor Sampayan's office. They had discussed Mayor Guico's letter dated 12/26/19 that the Commission responded to regarding their interest in a Sister City relationship. She announced the congratulatory letters sent to Akashi and Baguio to their newly appointed Mayors.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: By unanimous consensus of the Commission, approval of the agenda.

A. Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: By motion, approve the Sister City Commission minutes for the regular meeting of December 16, 2019, Sister City Commission.

Action: Approved minutes.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review revisions of new procedures for selection of Friendship City and Sister City

Commissioner Lowe reviewed the draft with the Commissioners with the edits. The Commissioners approved the revisions. Commissioner Lowe will bring the final draft to the next meeting.

B. Review revisions of timeline on when a Friendship City becomes a Sister City

They further discussed their ideas of how they wanted this document to look like. They would like to further discuss if adding a separate document for "city of interests" would be necessary. The Commissioners decided they would like to have continued discussions about the requirements and maybe adding an information packet. This item will be included for the next meeting for further planning.

C. La Spezia, Italy

Commissioner del Rosario presented the renewal/affirmation. The Commissioners approved the renewal/affirmation. Commissioner del Rosario and Chair Shanks-Stewart will work with the committee on finalizing the document.

The Commissioners discussed if the Commission or Association should pay for the cost of the translation services for the Sister City agreement from Italian to English. The majority of the Commissioners agreed that the Association should be responsible for payment.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bagamoyo, Tanzania - MOU

Commissioner Stewart discussed the MOU with Bagamoyo. He would like the Commission to consider changing the City of Bagamoyo to the District of Bagamoyo in relation to the wording of the sister city relationship between the City of Vallejo and Bagamoyo. The Commissioners approved replacing the wording from City of Bagamoyo to District of Bagamoyo. Commissioner Stewart will look into next steps with the City. He said that the committee is working on another visit to Bagamoyo in 2024.

B. Review MOU for all Sister Cities

The Commissioners would like more time to review them. They will discuss at the next meeting.

8. REPORT FROM COMMISSIONERS AND AD HOC COMMITTEES

A. Committee Reports

Trondheim, Norway: Commissioner Lowe noted that she is discussing plans for a trip with the committee for the 60th anniversary.

Baguio City, Philippines: Commissioner Placido said that she has a meeting with the committee soon, and will provide an update at the next meeting.

Jincheon, South Korea: Commissioner Stewart announced that Grandmaster Kim has been assigned as the Ambassador for Vallejo, and Mr. Park, Intern for COV, has been assigned as the Sister City Representative for Jincheon globally both by the Mayor of Jincheon.

B. Friendship Cities Subcommittee

Rota, Northern Mariana Islands (US commonwealth): Commissioner Stewart announced that the Commission will be providing a booth at a fundraising event at Dan Foley Park. He will give a report at the next meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE: April 20, 2020 at 7:30 P.M.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Discussion of Agenda Items for Future Meetings
 - Items for the April regular meeting:
 - Discuss further timeline of when a Friendship City becomes a Sister City
 - Discuss any comments after Commissioners review the MOUs for all Sister Cities

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

ELISSA SHANKS-STEWART, CHAIR

ATTEST:

ANGELIC BENNETT, SECRETARY

Agenda Item 4C

HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMISSION REPORTS FROM THE CHAIR : 3/20 – 4/21

~ Recent visit from Binalonan, Philippines delegation. Birth place of Mayor Bob Sampayan. Interested in City of Interest and Friendship City status. Lots of economic development happening now. Located on the road to Baguio City. Chair Stewart, Commissioners Stewart and del Rosario and Board Member Fruth assisted.

~ City of Vallejo Appreciation Dinner for Commissioners was held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 in the Vallejo Room. Chair Stewart, Commissioners Lowe and Dowling and Council Liaison Verder-Aliga were in attendance.

~ The Sister City International statement on systemic racism and prejudice that continue around the world has been shared with our mayor, city council members, commissioners, city website and our board. It should be included on the VSCA website as well.

~ Collaboration with GVRD and the City of Vallejo continues with meetings to discuss a new possible site for Sister City Park. At the present time, the area south of the dental office on the waterfront is being investigated.

~ All trips continue to be monitored as a result of COVID-19.

~ Provided a welcome on behalf of the Commission for the NorCal Conference.

The Vallejo Sister City Commission would like to congratulate former Commission Chairs Brenda Brumfield and Dinah Villanueva-Ryan as well as Former Chair and present Commissioner Pelton Stewart who all worked tirelessly to produce a stellar SCI NorCal Conference on October 24, 2020. We shared a Best Practice and introduced all of the current Commissioners.

I have personally participated in several of the SCI webinars and Zoom meetings as appropriate.

The City Manager continues to suggest we cancel meetings unless there is an urgent matter.

The City of Vallejo has a new mayor and city council members:
Mayor Robert McConnell, Vice-mayor Rozzana Verder-Aliga, Councilmembers Katy Miessner, Pippin Dew, Hakeem Brown and new members Mina Loera-Diaz and Christina Arriola. For the first time elections were held by districts. Angelic Bennett remains as Executive Assistant

President Elect Joseph Biden and Vice President Elect Kamala Harris will be sworn in on January 20, 2021. There will be a Presidential Inaugural Celebration on January 17 at 4:00 P.M. hosted by Sister Cities International. You are all invited to register and attend.

Commissioner Pelton Stewart is working hard on several projects related to improving the Sister City Room. These are projects that were approved long ago.

President Elect Joseph Biden and Vice President Elect Kamala Harris were sworn in on January 20, 2021. There was a Sister Cities Presidential Inaugural Celebration on January 17 at 4:00 P.M. It was a wonderful event featuring interesting speakers, spectacular music and cultural performances. Brenda Brumfield, representing Nor-Cal, made a great presentation. I hope some of you tuned in.

On February 25, I attended the 2021 Emperor's Virtual Birthday Event. There were approximately twenty speakers who brought greetings and messages of congratulations. Three included Sister Cities in their messages: Dale Ikeda, Consul General of Japan in Fresno, Meg Mizutani, President California-Japan Sister Cities Network and Lee Guio, Treasurer SCI and Vice President NorCal.

Several women's events will take place this month with Board Member Shantelle Brumfield one of the March 24 speakers.

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On behalf of the Vallejo Sister City Commission and Association, a note of condolence was sent to Tanzania on the passing of President John Pombe Magufuli and we welcomed new President Samia Suluhu Hassan. We congratulated her on the historic ascent as the first woman president of East Africa.

Sister City International Africa Celebrated International Women's Month with presentations of programs that served women and young girls in the African Region. VSC Board Member, Shantelle Brumfield, shared her "Believe in What You Dream" program. She represented us well.

Welcome to the new Executive Assistant, Erik Rzomp, now serving in the office of Mayor Robert McConnell. We wish the very best to Angelic Bennett who served the Vallejo Sister City Commission with professionalism, efficiency and love.

THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE HAS APPROVED A
MEETING OF THE VALLEJO SISTER CITY COMMISSION
FOR MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021 FROM 4:30 – 6:30 P.M.
IT WILL BE ON THE ZOOM PLATFORM.

THIS WILL BE OUR FIRST MEETING SINCE FEBRUARY,
2020.

In peace,
Elissa Shanks Stewart, Chair

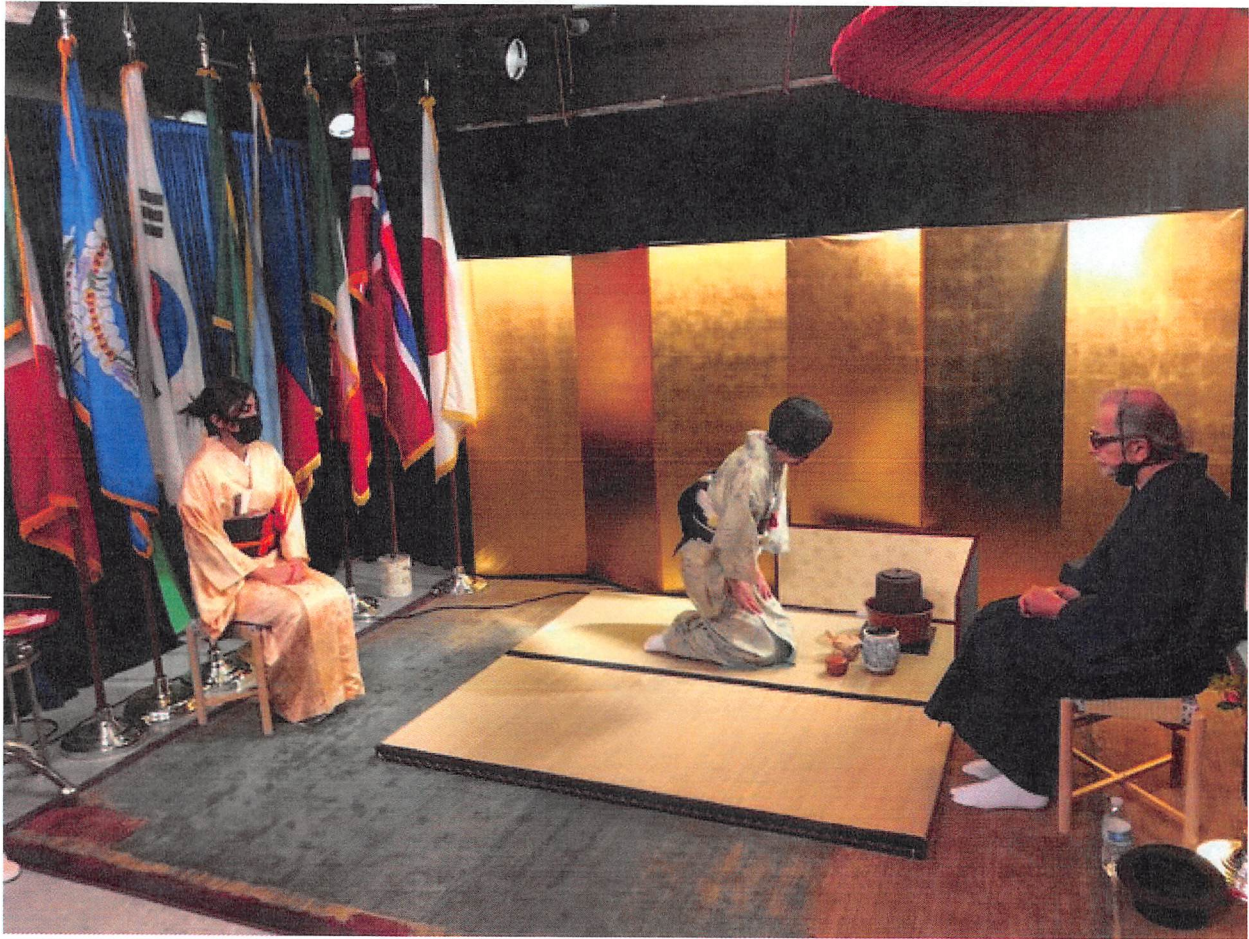
Agenda Item 8
Report from Commissioner Emma del Rosario for April 19, 2021

Ensenada, MX -

1. Approval Packet for Sister City Recommendation is moving along smoothly.
 - In the absence of the Director of Foreign Affairs, Israel was able to make some good contacts with the staffers of the Mayor's office and they were happy to endorse the Ensenada - Vallejo sisterhood relationship. We received some endorsements from Ensenada on April 12
 - Winery business owners also affixed their approval to be sister city with Vallejo and are willing to help and share their experience in wine making with people in Vallejo.
 - The Committee members are continuing to gather signatures from Hispanic-American local businesses and friends. Twelve Vallejo business owners have endorsed the petition.
 - The Ensenada-Vallejo Sister City Approval and Recommendation packet is to be reviewed by VSCA Ensenada Committee at the April 13th meeting. at the Kim's studio.
 - VSCA members on the membership list were sent the "Elevate Ensenada" endorsement letter on April 12.
 - April 12 - Sent the request for the Mayor's Letter of Intent. Apr 12.
2. Four screen monitors were delivered to the University Autonomous Baja California, UABC, and four to Open Arms. All of the recipients were happy and said "thank you" to Vallejo.

Akashi, Japan -

As a continuation of the Vallejo-Akashi Sister Cities collaboration in presenting one of the Japanese cultural celebrations, Tea Ceremony, we have connected with our local TV network to locally broadcast a Tea Ceremony, where our local residents can learn more about Japan's culture. While Covid 19 tries to stop us from doing our person to person connection, it cannot stop people via internet connections. There will be more than 125K people in Vallejo who will watch this presentation. Performed by Keiko Perri, VSCA Akashi Committee. Thanks for Pelton's leadership on this Tea Ceremony Gathering project. This presentation was featured in the California-Japan Sister Cities Newsletter that is sent to all Japan Sister Cities in California. We will try to plan another cultural presentation via VCAT in the near future.



Emma del Rosario Cordova
VSC Commissioner for Akashi, Japan
VSC Commissioner for Ensenada, MX
VSCA Akashi Committee Chair
VSCA Ensenada Friendship City Chair

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Item 8:

Bagamoyo Committee Chairman's Report 04-08-2021

Existing events and or activities

1. Bagamoyo District MOU update

- * Have a draft for Commission approve in their next meeting
- *

2. 2021 **Calendar Update** (Next planning meeting Sunday 4-26-21)

- **Juneteenth** - Date & Time (TBA) (If the event happens?) (Info Booth)
- **TCO summer event**- Date & Time (TBA) (If the event happens?) (Info Booth)
- Conference call regarding (Nov. 17th) Science Fair (joint venture withal our friendship and Sister Cities)

2. **Continued work on African & African American Projects with SCI.**

- STEM & STEAM Programs Joint venture with AAA and ΩΨΦ
- Continued work on Natural Gas and Solar projects (continued work)
- Rotoplast surgeries and Burn Center (In the Bagamoyo District & Arusha area)
- Kotame Medical Clinic (Solar Lights update) In the Bagamoyo District.
- Yarn Movement - In the Bagamoyo District. M(Shantelle Brumfield Panelist in SCI events
- Future Water purification projects - In the Bagamoyo District.
- Books to schools and children- In the Bagamoyo District.

3. **2024 Advance planning**

- Identify leadership
- Identify foundation, corporate and business potential sources of support for our 4 targeted exchanges;

* Educational

*Business

*Cultural

*Governmental

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Other Sister City Association Items

Property Management Report 04-08-2021

1. Thanks to Paul and Marv we are close to getting our plaque with the names of past officers of the Commission and Association back on the wall.
 2. Sites to another place other gifts are being explored.
 - We will give updates as soon as we hear anything
 - We need to conduct a review of what supplies equipment and other items your committee considers obsolete. We will formal request the City to allow us to dispose the items.
 - Replacing the City of Vallejo Logo and lettering on the entry area are going to be updated.
 - We are now ready to move forward with the replacement of the clock in front of City Hall. The commission is working on getting it replaced.
 3. **Official Association and Commission Requests**
 - Photos of Past Commission Chairs and Association Presidents for display in the room
 - Group photos of delegations we hosted and our Delegations visiting our Friendship and Sister Cities. Plus interesting photos from visitations for display in the room
 - Volunteers who will assist GVRD with the care and maintenance of our trees all over the city
 - Volunteers who will help with the development of an updated inventory
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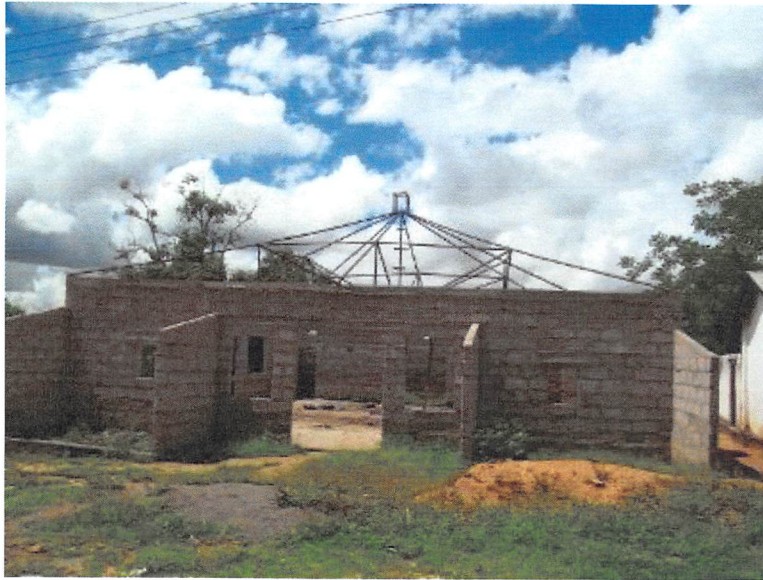
Rota Committee Chairman's Report 04-08-2021

1. Senator Santos and the Rota Committee in Rota said they will be happy to host us in 2024
 2. Mel Orpilla and Congressman Mike Thompson's office will take a leadership role.
 3. Victor Pangelina (VP of the Chamorro People Club of NorCal) has committed to helping us build the team.
 4. The balance of their funds be rolled over into the March 2022 trip or be spent on items for the trip.
 - * We need want to send a plaque with the proclamation wording on it
 - * Gifts (similar to the gifts Senator Santos gave us) (Mini Pennants?)
 - * Gift from the City of Vallejo to local government officials
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Tanzania Armani Peace Center



Names for the Bagamoyo, Tanzania Sister City Committee List

Bagamoyo District List.

United Republic of Tanzania President's Office
Regional Administration and Local Government
Bagamoyo District. Bagamoyo District Council

Julius S. Mwanganda

Ag. District Executive Director

Dr. John Magufuli- President of Tanzania

Dr. Jakaya Kikwete- Past President of Tanzania

Ridhiwani Kikwete- Son of Dr. Kikwete

Mr. Bandawe- Bagamoyo Education Officer

Mr. Loema Peter Lsaya- Bagamoyo District Director

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Names for the Parun, Nuristan Afghanistan. Sister City Committee List

Nuristan District List.

The Honorable **Ashraf Ghani**, President of Afghanistan

Nuristan regional leadership,

The Honorable **Mohammad Rahim**, Mayor of the City of Parun