

## *Richmond-Shimada Friendship Commission*

Wednesday, June 6, 2018 - Minutes

6:00 p.m. Shimada Room

440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, Ca.

- I) Call to Order - 6:10 PM; in attendance are Commissioners Yas Aoki, Evan Sirchuk, Zelda Holland, Valerie Snider, Marilyn Leong Lee, Josh Miklich
- II) Reading and approval of minutes - Zelda motioned to accept Minutes; Yas seconded the motion
- III) Input on Agenda - status of Valerie's application to become Commissioner; Evan to talk to Trina
- IV) Commissioner Reports -
  - a. Marilyn - Email from Mr. Osada about insurance for Ambassadors; demos and no contact sports advised; Ambassadors to be careful during Shimada activities; Shimada ended up purchasing insurance while our Ambassadors are in Shimada; Mr. Osada is happy that many of the Ambassadors going this summer have hosted; application process went well this year - distributed in Oct., was due in Dec., and selections were made in Feb., so new ambassadors are able to host before going and possibly host again the following year.
  - b. Evan and Marilyn - conducted informal tour with Ambassadors prior to Shimada trip to introduce Richmond to Ambassadors - Richmond Art Center, Richmond Museum, Red Oak, Craneway, Rosie the Riveter Museum, Shimada Park; tour beneficial for learning about history of Richmond and for sharing with Shimada; got to see interactions between Ambassadors prior to going.

- c. Evan - suggested retooling Itinerary for the next March, 2019 visit and incorporate more interactive conversation sessions

V) Important Business

- a) 2018 Summer Ambassadors Update (send off volunteers) - Evan to meet Ambassadors upon departure; Zelda to meet Ambassadors upon return
- b) New City Budget - July 1, 2018; \$1000 from city; overage of \$250 from 2017 budget; fundraising events/activities - contact civic organizations, Chevron; Tea - J-Sei Festival; Esther to set-up; Evan has 4 boxes of tea and Josh has 6 boxes of tea; Sycamore Bazaar; SF Cherry Blossom Festival in April; July 4 World One Festival - Evan to check into giving out ice green tea samples and selling tea at \$5/box and 2 for \$8; volunteers to help are Valerie, Josh, Zelda, Marilyn?; no meeting in July because of holiday; help at World One instead

VI) Good of the Order/Adjournment - 7:30 PM; next meeting - August 1, 2018.