

Richmond-Shimada Friendship Commission Meeting

Minutes

March 6, 2019

Shimada Room, City Council Chamber

- I) Call to Order: Commissioners present - Yas Aoki, Robyn Rickansrud, Valerie Snider, Marilyn Lee, Ester Takeuchi, Zelda Holland, Evan Sirchuk and staff liaison Trina Jackson. Josh Miklich and Councilmember Bates arrived after the meeting started.
- II) Reading and approval of the minutes:
Approval motioned by Vice Chair Marilyn Lee and second by Commissioner Zelda Holland with the corrections noted. The vote was unanimous.
- III) Input on Agenda
 - a. Review of youth ambassador schedule was added to the agenda
- IV) Commissioner Reports
 - a. No reports
 - b. Staff Jackson informed the commission that Councilmember Bates will lead a delegation of elected officials to Shimada for the Obi Festival.
- V) Important Business
 - a. American Ambassadors 2019 – Planning
 - b. Chair Sirchuck asked the commission to assist with orientations. The first orientation will be at city hall and the final two at Commissioner Aoki's home. March 29 or April 12th – potentially from 5-7pm. Trina will check the availability of the Richmond Room. The first meeting will be explanation of official documents and requirements. Commissioner Aoki will check his availability for April 27th and May 25th as suggested dates for the second and third orientations from 9am to Noon.
 - c. The commission discussed sending five students instead of four. Commissioner Robyn Rickansrud moved the item and Commissioner Zelda Holland seconded. The vote passed with Commissioners Lee, Sirchuk, Aoki, Snider, Rickansrud voting in favor of sending a fifth student.
- VI) March Itinerary for Japanese students
 - a. Thu., 3/21 arriving on UA 875 at 10am. DPRC has been contacted to request transportation. Commissioners Evan Sirchuk and Robyn Rickansrud may be able to chaperone. Potentially tour San Francisco. The commission will cover lunch. Meet and greet at 5pm
 - b. Fri., 3/22 - Commissioner Evan Sirchuk will check the schedule at the Senior Center and NIAD (45 minutes). Evan will host a casual meeting and art project with snacks at his home. Evan and Valerie will chaperone.

Comment [TJ1]: Is the commission assisting with the planning or was this an informational note?

- c. Sat., 3/23 – Meet with Takeo (Shimada Association Official) to discuss chaperones from both jurisdictions. Potluck lunch at Evan’s home
- d. Sun., 3/24 – Host Family Day
- e. Mon., 3/25 – Evan will confirm. P/u would at Ryse. Marilyn, Trina and Esther will chaperone
- f. Tues., 3/26th events are confirmed – Bowling from 1-3pm – 3 to 4:30- Shimada Park. Esther and Robyn will help with transportation or P/U at Shimada Park. Rosie the Riveter is the weather is bad/raining. Valerie and Evan
- g. Wed., 3/27 – Possible visit to DeAnza, lunch at the school and move to LEAP. 1-2:30pm then Fire Department from 3-4:30. Trina to speak with LEAP. Trina and Evan may chaperone
- h. Thu., 3/28 – add Hercules middle school- Sayonara Dinner. Valerie, Zelda and Marilyn will set up
- i. Fri., 3/29 – Rotary, Art Center 2:15 to 4:45pm and Ferry to SF – Trina to check with the Art Center. Evan and Steve Kirby will chaperone. Robyn will take luggage to SF

To Do:

Trina will check the availability of the Richmond Room.

Trina (9-12pm DeAnza) and Evan may chaperone on 3/27