



**BAKERSFIELD SISTER CITY
PROJECT CORPORATION**

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ZOOM Video Conference
October 6, 2020
5:30 PM
AGENDA**

WELCOME:

I. Call to order – President

QUORUM ROLL CALL (12 elected members are currently needed for a quorum.)

*Emeritus members do not count for this purpose.)

PRESENT:

NAME	Y	N	NAME	Y	N
Goh	x		Park	x	
Besenfelder	x		Pryor	x	
Cha	x		Schlaerth	x	
Choi		x	Singh		x
Dillon		x	Sproul	x	
He	x		Stone	x	
Hefner	x		Tamsi	x	
Hernandez	x		Verdugo	x	
Hungerford	x		* Luttrell		
Jhaj	x		*Park E		
Kooner	x		*Park Y		
Martin	x		* Skaer		
McCormick	x		* Urner		

Virtual Guests from Bucheon, Korea

Bucheon- Hello everyone in Bakersfield, Get guest list from Paul Cha.

Mayor of Bucheon – Glad to meet you mayor of Bucheon.

Thank you to Mayor Karen Goh, John Hefner for arranging this meeting.

This year we have been faced with challenges since covid19. We were not able to send our delegation to Bakersfield. Next year is our anniversary and we hope that we will be able to meet in person and strengthen our friendship.

I wish prosperity and all the members of the sister city corp.

Thank you

K Goh – Good afternoon friends, such a joy to be united across the sea. Covid cannot prevent us from joining together nor can the ocean cannot separate us. It is my honor to be able to welcome you today to join our group. We are so grateful for your friendship. It is beautiful to see all of you and hope you can visit us in Bakersfield. We look forward to our wonderful conversation and our visit today.

J Hefner-We had our first virtual meeting last month and wanted to do a second mtg with one of our sister city countries. Mayor Goh has been working behind the scenes with distribution of the face masks that you so generously provided to veterans our community. We hope to have another great visit when this is over. Thank you again.

Regular meeting called to order at 6:14pm

II. SECRETARY'S REPORTS

- A. Minutes: Martin
Called to approve minutes of September
Motion – Sue Stone, change under:
Other Items – So Cal the upcoming mtg was for the video conference International youth leadership summit.
Stone/Pryor – motion/second - All approved with changes.

- B. Correspondence: Hefner
None

III. TREASURER'S REPORTS: Schlaerth

- No report – at this time.
Stone – did you receive a bill from Sister City International for dues?

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Goh

Thank you, John for passionately caring about this group. Thanks for sharing with Bucheon and being able to communicate with our sister city.

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Hefner

- A. Bucheon Guests – thank you to Paul Cha and Regina Pryor for setting up and coordinating the Zoom meeting. Thanks for distributing the face masks.
- B. Thanks to Carole Martin for preparing the agenda and minutes.

VI. DISCUSSION

- A. Board member individual comments
Regina Pryor – spoke in support of her homeland Armenia. Asking for support to contact our representatives regarding the current conflict in that country.
- B. Which sister city will be our next virtual guest?
D Verdugo – St. John de Luz -JHefner – will check into it.
- C. Surprise visit from Queretaro – Goh
K Goh – received email regarding a surprise visit from Querétaro but wanted to stop by for lunch. Mayor reached out to John and Jay Tamsi and were able to get the Hispanic chamber involved. It was a great visit and meet with the new leaders for Querétaro. Hoping for a visit in a year or two to Querétaro.
- D. Bucheon face masks – Cha
Bucheon sent face masks and presented these to Korean veterans and others. It was well received and thanks to Mayor Goh for all her support in this endeavor.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Amritsar: Kooner
There is turmoil in the Punjab state. Government taking farms from independent farmers. We are keeping apprised of all the news in this area.
- B. Bucheon: Cha
- C. Queretaro: Tamsi
Thank you, Mayor Goh, for involving us and so quickly. Plan to have a zoom meeting with the new representatives in a couple weeks.
Our fire chief would also like to visit at the next safe opportunity.

- Congratulations Jay on your COVID-19 health clinics around Kern County.
- D. Cixi: Pryor
Will check if they are available for zoom meeting next month.
 - E. Wakayama: Stone/Verdugo
Emailing and they we are able to visit next year.
 - F. Other:
Saint-Jean-de-Luz: Hefner
Will have update

VIII. OTHER ITEMS

- A. Facebook & Website: Hungerford
Website is up and our agendas are posted as well as other notices of information.
- B. SoCal: Stone.
This whole sister city International leadership summit could be great for our youth. Sent out email on their plan. Looking to have 5 panels of youth discussing topics of interest to them of peace, cooperation, etc. Read email for further info. All information will be posted on their website. If you're interested contact Sue Stone.
- C. Youth Advisory: Sproul
None

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

McCormick – Xmas parade is virtual and deadline is December

X. NEXT (Virtual) MEETING

Tuesday November 3 (Election Day) at 5:30 p.m.
Should the meeting be moved to another date?
Motion to November 10th. Pryor/Kooner, All approved.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjournment – McCormick/Stone
All approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Martin
Board Secretary
October, 2020