



## **Richmond-Zhoushan Friendship Commission Meeting**

**October 13, 2021**

**4pm via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

### **I. Welcome and Roll**

- Present – Commissioners Stanley Li, Margaret Lee, Leonard Berry, Joseph Kong, and Eric Peterson. Councilmember Eduardo Martinez, Applicants Ed Medina and Bobby Winston. Staff: Lucy Zhou and Trina Jackson
- Absent – Commissioners James Lee, Alex Golovets

### **II. Acknowledgement of guests and potential commission applicants.**

- Mr. Bobby Winston and Retired RPD Deputy Chief Ed Medina are interested in joining the commission. Chair Li summarized the goals of the commission for the upcoming year.

### **III. Review and approve minutes from previous meeting(s).**

- On a motion by Margaret Lee and second by Leonard Berry, the motion passed unanimously.

### **IV. Treasurer's Report**

- Commission raised funds - \$1,288.71
- City allocated funds - \$1000.00

### **V. Recognition of Jim Matzorkis**

- Review and discuss contribution letter
- Potential replacement name of Port entry sign
- Application to request the name change
  - Ed Medina is drafting a list of potential locations at the Port and suggestions for signage either hanging from the entry sign, adjacent to the sign or an etched image of Jim on a bench.

- The commission will solicit funds to cover the cost. Chair Li will contact Commissioner James Lee at the Chamber for assistance with fundraising for the memorial and scholarship fund.
- Councilmember Martinez suggested recommending a street name change or something more significant as a memorial.
- Guest Bobby Winston suggested a vocational program being named after Jim because vocational training was very important to Jim; specifically, for people returning from prison.
- Chair Li is starting discussions with the Maritime School in Zhoushan. Maritime schools in both jurisdictions could be potential ideas to consider potentially renaming or naming in honor of Jim.
- The commission continued to discuss potential ideas and concepts to tie into the goals of the commission – educational, economic development and tourism.

VI. Status of tasks associated with the Zhoushan on the proposed Interactive Communication Program with the Zhoushan Greentown Yuhua School.

- Response to Zhoushan
  - Staff Jackson responded via email to Zhoushan informing them that the commission was continuing its discussion on a potential pilot program and would get back to them.
- Potential middle schools
- Potential to partner with Mandarin School (4<sup>th</sup> graders)
  - Dr. Wei Li and Commissioner Peterson would like to propose a program with Contra Costa College (CCC).
  - Potentially, Dr. Li could instruct an online course with pay from CCC and/or the State. The middle school students could receive college credit for the online course. It would have to be approved by CCC and a recruitment strategy would need to be developed.
  - Chair Li suggested a small pilot program to keep Zhoushan and Richmond engaged during the pandemic and restricted travel.

VII. Pending Old Business

- Update on Jim Matzorkis Scholarship to send Richmond Youth to Zhoushan, China
  - i. Review Application Sample

- ii. Use of donation link on <https://www.zhoushanrichmond.org/> - pending response from James Lee
- Review and provide input on donation solicitation letter
  - i. The draft was sent to Martinez, Sara and Eric for input in June
  - ii. Compile list of potential donors and/or how to use the letter

VIII. Other matters of interest

- Chair Li invited commissioner subcommittees to meet with him to discuss reinstating the programs.

IX. Schedule the next meeting

- Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 4pm

X. Adjourn