

Juneau Sister Cities Committee Minutes of October 31, 2012

Attendees: Maria Uchytel Jeremy Frank Glenn Gray Sue Baxter

Guest: Geny Del Rosario, President Elect of Juneau Philippino Community

I. Approval of Agenda

The committee approved the agenda.

II. Consideration of New Philippines Sister City

- **Camiling, Philippines has been dormant Sister City and moved to Emiratis status rather than an active relationship.**
- **Trade Mission to Kalibo, Aklan, Philippines including Geny Del Rosario and Representative Cathy Munoz leaving November 11, 2012**
- **Lieutenant Governor of the state of Aklan visited Juneau and wishes stronger social/cultural/economic relationship with Juneau**
- **Carlton Smith, Juneau Assembly member, is interested in establishing relationship with Kalibo.**
- **Juneau and Kalibo have similar interests and concerns**
 - Port
 - Cruise lines
 - University
 - Tourism

Glenn Gray proposed the following resolution and it was seconded by Maria Uchytel.

The Juneau Sister Cities Committee supports Geny Del Rosario's effort to explore a sister city relationship with Kalibo, Philippines.

A unanimous vote passed by committee members passed the resolution.

Assignments:

Glenn will write a proposed letter of intent clearly explaining the that only city governments can make formal sister city relationships.

Sue will try to get letter printed on city letterhead and then transfer official copy to Geny prior to November 11.

III. Whitehorse, Yukon

- **Glenn reported the he had heard from Sheila Dodd in Whitehorse, Yukon**
- **She is waiting for election, but feels positive that new administration is interested in increasing contact with Juneau.**

- She will contact Glenn with a date for teleconference between Juneau Sister Cities Committee and Whitehorse officials.

IV. Vladivostok, Russia

- Maria reported that she will be meeting with representative from Lieutenant Governor's Office about anniversary of Russian contact. She will report next meeting.

V. Mishan City, China

- Committee decided, because of the late date and lack of official Chinese support, that we would not pursue Chinese contact for upcoming student musical tour of China.

Sue will contact Diane Antaya regarding this decision.

VI. Strategic Planning

- November 18 or 19 have been proposed for Committee Retreat. Members will respond with Maria to set the date.
- Location will be sought in public rooms once the date is set.