

CITY OF PENSACOLA
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019
10 A.M.

Vince Whibbs, Sr. Conference Room
1st Floor, City Hall

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes—October 24, 2018
*Note for the record—the International Relations Advisory Board did not meet in November or December.
3. Sister City Updates:
4. Galvez Essay Contest
5. New Business
 - a) Letter from City Council President
6. Open Forum
7. Adjourn

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MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD

October 24, 2018

10 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nan Harper, Laverne Baker, Beth Partington

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jena Melancon, Doug Trelfa

Staff: Elaine Mager

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Nan Harper. A quorum was established.
2. Approval of Minutes: **Motion made by Member Baker, seconded by Member Partington to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2018 meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.**
3. Sister City Updates:
 - a) Gero, Japan----Member Baker reported that Member Trelfa was presently in Gero. Gero did receive the disaster relief funds and were most appreciative. The Mayor of Gero will be sending a thank you letter.
 - b) Macharaviaya and Borobia, Spain—Member Harper reported on recent visit of Pensacola Delegation in Spain. Ms. Diane Peterson, representing Pensacola Sister Cities presented a key to the City to the Mayor of Borobia. Also a delegation from Macharaviaya attended the event. The Mayor of Borobia will be sending a letter to the City.
 - c) Galvez Celebration—Member Harper reviewed the schedule of events planned for the 2018 Galvez National Meeting in Pensacola October 26-28. On Friday, the Pensacola Heritage Foundation will host the wreath laying and lighting ceremony of the Galvez Monument on Palafox Street, followed by dinner at Polonza Bistro. Jim Green will give a brief lecture and Father Joseph Callipare will do a presentation of the history of St. Michaels and the connection with Galvez. Saturday, the business meeting will be held at New World Landing where each chapter will review their annual Galvez celebrations and re-enactments. Following the business meeting, there will be a tour of the T. T. Wentworth Museum and a *Go Retro* tour of the battlefield at Ft. George. Dinner will be at V. Paul's Italian Ristorante, where David Dodson will speak on DeLuna and musical selections from "*Catalina*" will be performed by John and Theresa Brannan. Sunday, the participants will meet at Pensacola Yacht Club for a historical guided tour of Galvez's "*Yo Solo*" voyage on Pensacola Bay.

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4. Japan-America Society of Northwest Florida Update—Member Baker reported on the successful Japan-U.S. Military Program(JUMP) event that was held on October 6 at the National Naval Aviation Museum. There were approximately 350 in attendance. Individual tables representing various bases in Japan were set up with displays and information. Also, there was a Japanese Squadron at the base for training and they participated in the event, enjoying the cultural displays, entertainment and food.

Also, as part of the Foo Foo Festival, the Japan-America Society is sponsoring “Tastes of Japan”, a five day exploration of Japanese cuisine at SoGourmet from November 5 – 9 and will feature guest chefs demonstrating and preparing different dishes and culinary ingredients from various regions in Japan. Space is limited to 30 people per night. Cost is \$30 for Japan-America Society members and \$35 for non members.

The Japanese New Year Celebration will take place on January 12, 2019 at the Wright Place.

5. New Business—Member Baker inquired about timeframe for board member appointments and selection of chair and vice chair. Staff will review and advise Board.
6. Open Forum—No one was present to speak.
7. Adjourn—There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Office of the City Council

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To: Members of City Council appointed Boards, Commissions and Authorities

Date: December 10, 2018

Dear Board Member:

The Members of the City Council would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your willingness to be an appointed volunteer on your respective Board, Commission or Authority. Without your willingness to be an active participant in local government, much of what gets accomplished within the City would not be possible.

As appointed representatives of the City Council, it is our expectation that a level of decorum and civility will always be maintained in your interaction with fellow board members as well as with citizen participants. Please remember, while serving in this capacity you are guided and bound by the same Code of Ethics as the City Council members. Consistent attendance is a part of that expectation.

Within your given undertakings, your guide should always be the City Code. As a Board Member, one should not put themselves in a situation to be seen as an advocate for any one group, position or person, but rather let the City Code be the guide in the decision making process. Citizen input should also be taken into consideration, consistent with City Code, as you deliberate issues before your board.

Over the next few months, Council Staff will be working with your board staff member(s) and chairperson in attempting to standardize the rules, procedures and guidelines to be followed by each board.

Appointments made to each of the Boards, Commissions or Authorities are not made haphazardly nor without a great deal of consideration. Your continued service is important and valued by the City Council and we sincerely thank you.

Most respectfully yours,

Andy Terhaar
President
Pensacola City Council