

## MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD

March 27, 2019

10 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Doug Trelfa, Chair, Beth Partington, Vice Chair, Nan Harper, Laverne Baker

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jena Melancon

**Others Present:** None

**Staff:** Elaine Mager

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Trelfa. A quorum was established.

2. Approval of Minutes—February 27, 2019

**Motion made by Member Baker, seconded by Member Harper to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2019 meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.**

3. Sister City Updates

a) Gero, Japan

The student delegation from Gero will arrive in Pensacola this evening and will be met at the airport by their host families. The schedule of their activities was attached to the agenda. They will meet with the Mayor at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 1, in the Council Chamber. Member Baker encouraged Board members to attend if possible.

b) Macharaviaya and Borobia, Spain

Member Harper reported that a young author from Malaga, Paco Reyero, will be in Pensacola April 5 to attend a luncheon and present his book on the history of Galvez.

Also, a delegation from Pensacola will be going to Macharaviaya in July.

Still waiting to hear if the Mayor of Borobia and two other individuals will be coming to Pensacola for the celebration of the Fiesta of Five Flags.

c) Pensacola Sister Cities

Member Partington and Ms. Diane Peterson have been approached to serve on the Pensacola Sister Cities Board to help promote and expand interest in Pensacola's sister cities. Also, Member Harper indicated that she was going to reach out to Tom Pace at

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the Pensacola Yacht Club to serve on the committee to promote the Isla Mujeres, Mexico Sister City relationship.

## 4. Juan Sebastian de Elcano Visit

Member Harper updated the Board on the change in location for the Elcano. The Elcano will now be berthed at NAS Pensacola instead of downtown at the Port. This will create some scheduling conflicts for the school students visits, the on board reception and tours with security measures at the base. The ship will be available all day on Sunday, and in the afternoons only on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. It will leave on April 5. The Navy League is hosting a reception on April 2 at Seville Quarter so that some festivities could be held downtown. Reservations should be made with either the Fiesta office or with the Pensacola Navy League.

## 5. New Business: There was none.

## 6. Open Forum: There were no speakers.

## 7. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.