



# **MINUTES**

## **Sister City Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, 27 March 2024**

**Date: Wednesday, 27 March 2024**

**Time: 5:30 PM**

**Location: Council Chambers Darrandirra  
Level 1, Civic Centre  
Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin**

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN  
SISTER CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS DARRANDIRRA, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY  
CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN  
ON WEDNESDAY, 27 MARCH 2024 AT 5:30 PM**

**PRESENT:**

Chair Kate Heelan  
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris  
Community Member Vida Ruth Goodvach  
Community Member Nerida Hart  
Community Member Stephanie Lin  
Community Member Ninik Stroud  
Alternate Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

**OFFICERS:**

Emma Struys (Executive Manager Growth and Economic Development)  
Cherry Cai (Manager of Economic Development and International Relations)

**APOLOGY:**

Community Member Max Stretton  
Community Member Tony Miaoudis  
Community Member Cornelio De Varvaldo

**GUESTS:**

Nil

**Order of Business**

<b>1</b>	<b>Meeting Declared Open .....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Acknowledgement of Country .....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Apologies &amp; Leave Of Absence .....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Electronic Attendance .....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Declaration of Interest of Members and Staff .....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Confirmation of Previous Minutes .....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Actions Arising from Previous Minutes .....</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Presentations .....</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Officer Reports.....</b>	<b>5</b>
9.1	Update on Friendship City Proposal with the City of Quanzhou.....	5
9.2	2023/24 Sister Cities Action Plan and budget update .....	5
9.3	Lord Mayor China Trip update .....	5
9.4	Update on Friendship City proposal with the City of Ho Chi Minh .....	6
<b>10</b>	<b>Member Reports .....</b>	<b>6</b>
	Nil	
<b>11</b>	<b>General Business.....</b>	<b>6</b>
11.1	Membership update .....	6
<b>12</b>	<b>Next Meeting .....</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Closure of Meeting .....</b>	<b>6</b>

## **1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

THAT the Chair declared the meeting open at 5:30 pm.

## **2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

City of Darwin acknowledges that we are living and working on Larrakia Country. We acknowledge the Larrakia people as the Traditional Owners of the Darwin region. We pay our respects to the Larrakia elders past and present and support emerging Larrakia leaders now and into the future. City of Darwin is committed to working together with all Larrakia to care for this land and sea for our shared future.

## **3 APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

### **3.1 Apologies**

Community Member Max Stretton

Community Member Tony Miaoudis

Community Member Cornelio De Varvaldo

### **3.2 Leave of Absence**

### **3.3 Leave of Absence Notified**

Nil

## **4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**

Community Member Vida Ruth Goodvach

## **5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**

### **5.1 Declaration of Interest by Members**

Nil

### **5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff**

Nil

## **6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC001/24**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Community Member Nerida Hart

THAT the minutes of the Sister City Advisory Committee Meeting held on 29 November 2023 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 6/0**

**7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

**8 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**9 OFFICER REPORTS****9.1 UPDATE ON FRIENDSHIP CITY PROPOSAL WITH THE CITY OF QUANZHOU****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC002/24**

Moved: Community Member Ninik Stroud

Seconded: Community Member Nerida Hart

THAT the report entitled Update on Friendship City Proposal with the City of Quanzhou be received and noted.

**CARRIED 6/0****9.2 2023/24 SISTER CITIES ACTION PLAN AND BUDGET UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC003/24**

Moved: Community Member Ninik Stroud

Seconded: Community Member Nerida Hart

THAT the report entitled 2023/24 Sister Cities Action Plan and budget update be received and noted.

**CARRIED 6/0****9.3 LORD MAYOR CHINA TRIP UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC004/24**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Community Member Stephanie Lin

THAT the report entitled Lord Mayor China Trip Update be received and noted.

**CARRIED 6/0**

**9.4 UPDATE ON FRIENDSHIP CITY PROPOSAL WITH THE CITY OF HO CHI MINH****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC005/24**

Moved: Community Member Stephanie Lin

Seconded: Community Member Vida Ruth Goodvach

1. THAT the report entitled Update on Friendship City proposal with the City of Ho Chi Minh be received and noted.
2. THAT the Sister City Advisory Committee recommends City of Darwin to include the following cooperation areas in the Memorandum of Understanding of Friendship City relationship between Darwin and Ho Chi Minh.

**CARRIED 6/0**

**10 MEMBER REPORTS**

Nil

**11 GENERAL BUSINESS****11.1 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC006/24**

Moved: Community Member Stephanie Lin

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Membership Update be received and noted.
2. THAT the Sister City Advisory Committee receive the resignation letter from Mr Max Stretton.
3. THAT the Sister City Advisory Committee thank Mr Max Stretton's contributions to the Sister City Advisory Committee and its programs.

**CARRIED 6/0**

**11.2**

Community Member Vida Ruth Goodvach briefed the Committee on the proposal of Jipungwayi Sister City project and Milikapiti School. No vote and resolution was conducted to follow the meeting procedure. Vida Goodvach was provided the information on the process and current status of Sister City Agreement renewal negotiation between City of Darwin and Tiwi Regional Council.

**12 NEXT MEETING**

12 June 2024 at 5:30 pm

**13 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:11 pm.