



# **MINUTES**

**Sister City Advisory Committee  
Meeting**

**Thursday, 21 October 2021**

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN  
SISTER CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY CHAN AVENUE,  
DARWIN  
ON THURSDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2021 AT 5:00PM - 6:30PM**

- PRESENT:** Tony Miaoudis, Christine Silvester, Ping Lu, Vida Ruth Goodvach, Terry Hartin, Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris, Alderman Sylvia Klonaris
- OFFICERS:** Executive Manager Growth & Development Services Alice Percy  
Business Partner Economic Development and International Relations  
Madeleine Haslett
- APOLOGY:** Lisa Malnar, Ms Jane Wang, Emily Tyaemaen Ford, Themis Magoulas, Alan Jape
- GUESTS:** Kathleen Heelan (President United Nations Association of Australia NT, & Chair Australian Indonesian Business Council NT)

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## **1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:00 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**

Lisa Malnar, Jane Wang, Emily Tyaemaen Ford, Themis Magoulas, Alan Jape

### **3.2 Leave of Absence**

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

Nil

## **4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**

Nil

## **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**

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Mr Terry Hartin

1. That the minutes of the Sister City Advisory Committee Meeting held on 15 July 2021 be confirmed.

**Carried**

## **7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

All actions have been included in this Agenda.

**8 PRESENTATIONS**

NIL

**9 OFFICER REPORTS****9.1 DISCOVER DARWIN INTERNATIONAL EXPO****RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Mr Tony Miaoudis

1. THAT the report entitled 'Discover Darwin International Expo' be received and noted.
2. THAT Council Officers present a communication and marketing plan for the Discover Darwin website and International Expo at the next Sister City Committee meeting

**Carried****9.2 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OF SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH DENPASAR****COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: Mr Ping Lu

Seconded: Mr Terry Hartin

1. THAT the report entitled 'Memorandum of Understanding of Sister City Relationship with Denpasar', be received and noted.
2. THAT the Sister City Advisory Committee review the Draft Action Plan and provide feedback at the Sister City Advisory Committee meeting on 21 October 2021.
3. THAT observer Kathleen Heelan be provided a draft of the MoU and in her specialty role with Australia Indonesia Business Council she review the wording and give advice and feedback to the Committee and Council Officers.
4. THAT a request be made to Denpasar to include an additional clause that the MoU is not legally binding

**Carried****9.3 MILIKAPITI SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP****COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: Mr Terry Hartin

Seconded: Mr Tony Miaoudis

1. THAT the report titled 'Milikapiti Sister City Relationship' be received and noted.
2. THAT the Sister City Advisory Committee discuss more specifics with sea shepherd and Milikapiti and then submit a proposal to Council for the organisation of a joint Milikapiti coastal and community clean-up event with Sea Shepherd Australia's Darwin Marine

Debris Team for the dry season of 2022, and that costs be allocated from the 2023 financial year budget.

3. THAT City of Darwin discuss with Larrakia Nation about the Mayor or Deputy Mayor of Milikapiti been invited to NAIDOC ball each year with an accompanying representative from the Sister City Advisory Committee, and offices are to provide an update at the next committee meeting.

**Carried**

#### **9.4 SISTER CITY BUDGET**

##### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: Ms Vida Ruth Goodvach

Seconded: Mr Ping Lu

1. THAT the report entitled 'Sister City Budget' be received and noted.
2. THAT a sister city budget report and profit and loss statement be presented at each sister city meeting.
3. THAT a report and update on each activity be provided to the committee including details for where budget is being spent.

**Carried**

#### **9.5 SISTER CITY EVENTS**

##### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. THAT the report entitled 'Sister City Events' be received and noted.
2. THAT the Sister City Advisory Committee propose what events, if any, they would like to support with the remaining funding for the 2021-22 financial year.
3. THAT the Sister City Advisory Committee consider proactively determining what events they would like to propose participation in during the 2022-23 financial year.
4. THAT the Sister City Advisory Committee consider proposal to utilise some of the budget for development of a portable Sister City interactive stand.

**Report Differed to Next Meeting**

#### **9.6 FRIENDSHIP CITY BETWEEN CITY OF DARWIN AND JOETSU, JAPAN**

##### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: Ms Christine Silvester

Seconded: Mr Tony Miaoudis

1. THAT the report entitled 'Friendship City between Darwin And Joetsu, Japan' be received and noted.
2. THAT the Sister City Advisory Committee endorse the City of Darwin forming a Friendship City relationship with Jōetsu, Japan.

**Carried****10 MEMBER REPORTS****10.1 AMBON EXPO INVOLVEMENT****COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: Ms Christine Silvester

Seconded: Mr Ping Lu

Christine recommends that Council staff provide further feedback on communication for the online expo with Ambon

**Carried**

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**11 GENERAL BUSINESS****11.1 QUIZ FOR DILI****RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the verbal update be received.

'The 2021 Quiz for Dili raised \$2051 AUD, this was then matched up to \$2000 AUD by City of Darwin. The total of \$4051 AUD (\$2978.58 USD) was received by the Action for Change Foundation in Dili, Timor-Leste on 21/10/2021.

A big thank you has been given to Committee members who attended and otherwise supported the quiz and cause."

**11.2 INTENT TO FORM A FRIENDSHIP CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH SINGAPORE****RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the verbal update be received

'Singapore forms country to country relationships.'

**11.3 TERMS OF REFERENCE****RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: Ms Vida Ruth Goodvach

Seconded Alderman Sylvia Klonaris

That the report be received and noted.

**11.4 HAIKOU UPDATE****RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the verbal update be received

'City of Darwin's Sister City of Haikou invited tertiary education students from Darwin and its surrounding areas to participate in the Haikou University of Economics, the Short Film Competition and Song Singing Contest for College and University Students to be held as part of 4th China - ASEAN University Students 'Culture Week and the 22nd Hainan International Tourism Island Carnival.

This invitation was shared with CDU and Bachelor Institute along with City of Darwin's youth and community engagement officers.'

**11.5 TANIMBAR ISLANDS - SAUMLAKI YAMDENA FRIENDSHIP CITY****RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the invitation be received and noted.

A representative from the Tanimbar Islands in Indonesia has reached out to the City of Darwin seeking for a Friendship City relationship to be formed between their capital Saumlaki Yamdena and the City of Darwin.

**LOST**

The Committee does not support the formation of this relationship.

**11.6 PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP LONDON, UK****RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the report be received and noted

'International Relations Advisor Committee Member Richard Fejo has put forth the recommendation that City of Darwin investigates developing a Sister City relationship with the City of London in the United Kingdom. '

The Committee asks for a more detailed proposal and report be given at the December Committee Meeting.

**11.7 DIWALI LIGHTING THE CITY OF DARWIN****RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the verbal update be received

'City of Darwin received a request from the Consulate General of India to join in celebrating India's 75 years of Independence by participating in Diwali and lighting up the Civic Center.

Diwali is a major celebration in India along with much of South East Asia, and is celebrated by people of Hindu, Janis, Sikh and Buddhist cultures, giving it cultural significance to many people in Darwin.

Diwali symbolizes the spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil, love over hate, joy over sadness and knowledge over ignorance.



Diwali lasts for five days beginning on the 15th day of the Hindu month of Kartik, which in 2021 is November 4th. The importance of Diwali to the Hindu culture and calendar also makes it important to our friends in the Hindu city of Denpasar. The cost for Diwali lights will come from the International Relations Budget.'

#### **11.8 GUANGZHOU – INVITATION FOR LORD MAYOR OF DARWIN TO VIRTUALLY ATTEND THE OPENING OF THE 130TH CHINA IMPORT AND EXPORT FAIR**

##### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the verbal update be received

'Friendship City Guangzhou in China invited the Lord Mayor of Darwin to attend the opening in the 130th China Import and Export Fair Virtually. This invitation was accepted by the Lord Mayor who virtually attended the opening of the 130th China Import and Export Fair on Thursday the 14 October 2021.'

#### **11.9 GREEK OXI/OHI (NO) DAY**

##### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the verbal update be received

'28 October is the National Greek celebrations and holiday for Oxi/Ohi (No) Day, which commemorates the day Greece said no to the ultimatum of the Axis forcers and the memorial for the Greco-Italian war that followed (this was the beginning of Greece's participation in WW2). City of Darwin's supports this this by contributing flower wreath to show respect, this is laid by the Lord Mayor at a church service held at the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Darwin. In 2021 this service will be held on Sunday 31st October at 10:30am.'

#### **11.10 AUSTRALIA TIMOR-LESTE FRIENDSHIP NETWORK**

##### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the verbal update be received

'Australia Timor-Leste Friendship Network (AusTimorFN) has invited City of Darwin Sister City Advisory Committee Members to attend their Reconnecting Friendships post-Covid online forum to be held 07/11/2021. City of Darwin has also been invited to join the network as a full member, with the The annual membership fee been \$50.'

The Committee has requested more information on the Australia Timor-Leste Friendship Network and benefits of membership be presented at the December Committee meeting

#### **11.11 COMMITTEE MEMBER RESIGNATION**

##### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the verbal update be received

'Committee Member Lisa Malnar, has resigned from the Sister City Advisory Committee as she is unable to provide support to the committee moving forward.'

## **11.12 GUEST KATHLEEN HEELAN TO PROVIDE REPORT TO COMMITTEE**

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: Ms Vida Ruth Goodvach

Seconded: Ms Christine Silvester

It was proposed that committee observer Kathleen Heelan will provide the Committee with a written report/update of activities/events/grants and information from her roles as Chair of the Australian Indonesian Business Council NT, and President United Nations Association of Australia NT.

**Carried**

## **12 NEXT MEETING**

Currently Scheduled:

- 09 December 2021
- 10 March 2022

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:43pm.