



MINUTES

**Sister City Advisory Committee
Meeting**

Wednesday, 1 March 2023

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
SISTER CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM BIDJPIDJI (MEETING ROOM 1), LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE,
HARRY CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN
ON WEDNESDAY, 1 MARCH 2023 AT 5.30PM**

PRESENT: Chair Kate Heelan, Councillor Amye Un, Member Cornelio De Varvaldo, Member Vida Ruth Goodvach, Member Nerida Hart, Member Stephanie Lin, Member Ping Lu, Member Tony Miaoudis, Member Max Stretton, Member Ninik Stroud, Alternate Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

OFFICERS: Cherry Cai

APOLOGY:

GUESTS: Emma Struys

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1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 17.32 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

Nil

3.2 Leave of Absence

3.3 Leave of Absence Notified

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

Nil

5.1 Declaration of Interest by Members

Nil

5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC001/23

Moved: Member Nerida Hart

Seconded: Councillor Amye Un

That the minutes of the Sister City Advisory Committee Meeting held on 23 November 2022 be confirmed.

CARRIED 7/0

7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

As per reports.

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS

Ping Lu joined the meeting at 5.33 pm.

9.1 DRAFT SISTER CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN UPDATE**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC002/23**

Moved: Member Vida Ruth Goodvach

Seconded: Member Ping Lu

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED 8/0

Cornelio De Varvaldo joined the meeting at 5.48 pm.

9.2 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DARWIN INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL 2023**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC003/23**

Moved: Member Ping Lu

Seconded: Member Vida Ruth Goodvach

That the report be received and noted.

That the Sister City Advisory Committee will assist with the event at the following time:

3 June 2023 3.00pm – 9.00pm

4 June 2023 7.00am – 10.00am

5 June 2023 8.00am – 10.00am

CARRIED 9/0

Tony Miaoudis joined the meeting at 5.53 pm.

9.3 FRIENDSHIP CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF KUPANG**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC004/23**

Moved: Member Max Stretton

Seconded: Member Vida Ruth Goodvach

That the report be received and noted.

That the Sister City Advisory Committee provides feedback on the draft Memorandum of Understanding for the establishment of a Friendship City relationship between the City of Darwin and the City of Kupang.

That the Sister City Advisory Committee recommends the City of Darwin remove the Clause 4 from the Memorandum of Understanding.

CARRIED 10/0

9.4 GUANGZHOU MANDARIN PROGRAM UPDATE**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC005/23**

Moved: Councillor Amye Un
Seconded: Member Cornelio De Varvaldo
That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/0**9.5 DILI SUPPORT****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC006/23**

Moved: Member Tony Miaoudis
Seconded: Member Ping Lu
That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/0**AMENDMENT****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC006/23**

Moved: Member Tony Miaoudis
Seconded: Member Ping Lu

That the Sister City Advisory committee recommends the City of Darwin:

- Organise the donation box at the school libraries
- Organise a fundraising donation at Darwin International Dragon Boat Festival or something similar events.

CARRIED 10/0**9.6 IPB INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC007/23**

Moved: Member Stephanie Lin
Seconded: Member Nerida Hart
That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS**10.1 KALYMNOS AND DARWIN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC008/23**

Moved: Member Tony Miaoudis

Seconded: Councillor Amye Un

That the report be received and noted.

That the Sister City Advisory Committee recommends the City of Darwin provide \$3,000 for the Business Networking Cocktail event at the International Dragon Boat Festival Trade Show Function.

That the Sister City Advisory Committee recommends the City of Darwin provide \$6,000 for the 2023/24 Kalymnos – Darwin Language Scholarship Program from the Sister City Advisory Committee budget.

That the Sister City Advisory Committee members be the assessment panel for the Kalymnos – Darwin Language scholarship.

That the Sister City Advisory Committee recommends the City of Darwin send the strategic directions and do an email poll for the Committee to recommend the subject of the articles that the students can work on by 11 March 2023.

CARRIED 10/0

10.2 PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR THE SISTER CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2022-2024**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC009/23**

Moved: Chair Kate Heelan

Seconded: Member Tony Miaoudis

That the report is received and noted.

That the Sister City Advisory Committee reviews the project proposals and recommends the following projects to be considered as additions to the Sister City Advisory Committee Action Plan 2022 – 2024:

1. Dili – Darwin Yacht Rally
2. 2024 International Women's Day Walk
3. Darwin – Ambon Rally

CARRIED 10/0

AMENDMENT**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC010/23**

Moved: Member Cornelio De Varvaldo

Seconded: Member Tony Miaoudis

That the Sister City Advisory committee agrees to follow the project in principle by providing \$9,000. It is recommended to consult with the City of Darwin and identify the specific deliverables.

CARRIED 10/0

11 GENERAL BUSINESS**11.1 SISTER CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC011/23**

Moved: Chair Kate Heelan

Seconded: Member Stephanie Lin

That the report be received and noted.

That the Sister City Advisory Committee confirm the following time and dates for future meetings:

5.30pm – 7.00pm Wednesday 17 May 2023

5.30pm – 7.00pm Wednesday 14 June 2023

5.30pm – 7.00pm Wednesday 7 September 2023

5.30pm – 7.00pm Wednesday 29 November 2023

5.30pm – 7.00pm Wednesday 6 March 2024

5.30pm – 7.00pm Wednesday 12 June 2024

CARRIED 10/0

11.2 FRIENDSHIP CITY PROPOSAL WITH THE CITY OF QUANZHOU**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC012/23**

Moved: Member Stephanie Lin

Seconded: Chair Kate Heelan

That the report be received and noted.

That the Sister City Advisory Committee recommends City of Darwin establish a friendship city with the City of Quanzhou, China.

CARRIED 10/0

12 NEXT MEETING

5.30 pm – 7.00 pm Wednesday 17 May 2023

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.23 pm.