



# **MINUTES**

**Sister City Advisory Committee  
Meeting**

**Wednesday, 23 November 2022**

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN  
SISTER CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM DARRANDIRRA (MEETING ROOM CHAMBERS), LEVEL 1,  
CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN  
ON WEDNESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 5.30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Sylvia Klonaris, Mr Tony Miaoudis, Mr Ping Lu, Ms Vida Ruth Goodvach, Chair Kate Heelan, Mr Cornelio De Varvaldo, Ms Stephanie Lin, Mr Max Stretton, Ms Ninik Stroud, Ms Nerida Hart

**OFFICERS:** Cherry Cai

**APOLOGY:** Councillor Amye Un

**OBSERVER:**

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## 1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5.36 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

Councillor Amye Un

### 3.2 Leave of Absence

### 3.3 Leave of Absence Notified

Nil

## 4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

Ms Nerida Hart

## 5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

### 5.1 Declaration of Interest by Members

All committee members declared the general interests, which will be registered in separate system.

### 5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff

## 6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCCCC003/22

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Ms Vida Ruth Goodvach

That the minutes of the Sister City Advisory Committee Meeting held on 14 April 2022 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

**8 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**9 OFFICER REPORTS**

*Nerida Hart joined the meeting at 5.44 pm.*

**9.1 FRIENDSHIP CITY PROPOSAL FROM THE CITY OF KUPANG, EAST NUSA TENGGARA, INDONESIA****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCCCC004/22**

Moved: Ms Vida Ruth Goodvach

Seconded: Mr Tony Miaoudis

1. THAT the report entitled Friendship city proposal from the City of Kupang, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia, be received and noted.
2. THAT the Sister City Advisory Committee supports the Friendship city proposal from the City of Kupang.

**CARRIED 9/0**

**9.2 SUPPORT REQUEST FROM THE DILI MUNICIPALITY****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCCCC005/22**

Moved: Mr Max Stretton

Seconded: Mr Cornelio De Varvaldo

That the report be received and noted.

**CARRIED 9/0**

**AMENDMENT****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCCCC006/22**

Moved: Mr Cornelio De Varvaldo

Seconded: Chair Kate Heelan

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

- Send the letter to the Department of Education for the collective donation of books, pencils, and other items listed below, except the school park.
- Seek support from the Consulate General of Timor Leste in Darwin to cover the freight cost to Dili.

**CARRIED 9/0**

*Ping Lu joined the meeting at 5.44 pm.*

### **9.3 FRIENDSHIP CITY PROPOSAL WITH THE BACOLOD CITY, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, PHILIPPINES**

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCCCC007/22**

Moved: Chair Kate Heelan

Seconded: Ms Stephanie Lin

Council Officers plan to recommend the following at a subsequent Council meeting:

1. THAT the report entitled 'Friendship City proposal with the Bacolod City, Negros Occidental, The Philippines' be received and noted.
2. THAT the Sister City Advisory Committee supports the Friendship City proposal from Bacolod City.
3. It is noted that it is important to continue establishing friendship city relations with the City of Davao.

**CARRIED 10/0**

## **10 MEMBER REPORTS**

### **MOTION – TO COMBINE THE SISTER CITY PROGRAMS**

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCCCC008/22**

Moved: Mr Ping Lu

Seconded: Mr Cornelio De Varvaldo

That the Sister City Advisory Committee to combine the following two proposals into Ping Lu's Sister Cities photo/video online expo:

- Kate Heelan – Get to know your sister city
- Stephanie Lin – Project ideas

**CARRIED 10/0**

## 10.1 SISTER CITY PROGRAMS PROPOSAL

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCCCC009/22

Moved: Ms Vida Ruth Goodvach

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That Sister City Advisory Committee reviews the project proposals and recommends the following projects to be included in the 2022-2024 Sister City Advisory Committee Action Plan based on the program objectives in Policy 053 International Relations and Sister City.
  - Tony Miaoudis – Kalymnos scholarship (9 votes)
  - Kate Heelan/Stephanie Lin/ Ping Lu – A combined project of Sister cities' photo/video online expo (8 votes)
  - Max Stretton – Sister City performances at Darwin Festival (7 votes)
  - Kate Heelan – International Women's Day Walk 2023 (6 votes)
  - Vida Goodvach – To lead a delegation to Anchorage, Alaska, and Ambon, Indonesia (5 votes)
3. It is noted that the Sister City Advisory Committee will be invited by email to propose the new projects to be considered for the 2023/24 FY and discussed at the next meeting in March.

**CARRIED 10/0**

## 11 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 11.1 MILIKAPITI CLEAN UP

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCCCC010/22

Moved: Ms Vida Ruth Goodvach

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

That the report be received and noted.

**CARRIED 10/0**

## 12 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is at 5.30 pm Wednesday, 1 March 2023.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.