



AGENDA

**Sister City Advisory Committee
Meeting
Thursday, 11 February 2021**

SISTER CITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris (Chair)

Mr Alan Jape

Mr Tony Miaoudis

Ms Lisa Malnar

Ms Christine Silvester

Ms Themis Magoulas

Ms Emily Tyaemaen Ford

Mr Ping Lu

Ms Vida Ruth Goodvach

Mr Terry Hartin

Ms Hue Man Vo

Alderman George Lambrinidis

Ms Jane Wang

OFFICERS

Ms, Cherry Cai

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1 Meeting Declared Open

The Chair declared the meeting open at 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

Ms Hue Man Vo

4 Leave Requests

NIL

a. Notification of Proxy

NIL

5 Electronic Attendance

NIL

6 Declaration of Interest

7 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

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8 Actions Arising From Previous Minutes

Updates provided below

9 Presentations

NIL

10 OFFICER REPORTS

10.1 SISTER CITY COMMITTEE PROJECT PROPOSAL UPDATE

Author: Manager International Business Relations

Authoriser: General Manager Innovation Growth and Development Services

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report be received and noted.

COUNCIL DECISIONS

At its Ordinary Meeting on 14 July 2020, Council resolved:

- THAT Council, pursuant to Section 32 (2) of the Local Government Act 2008 delegated to the Chief Executive Officer the power to allocate the Sister City Committee budget to key projects to best achieve policy objectives, on the Committee's recommendation.

BACKGROUND

The Sister City Committee (the Committee) members are invited to propose project ideas on 06 October 2020 for the 20/21 FY. The Committee has received nine project proposals from seven members. All the Committee members are invited to review the nine proposals and recommend the top 3 projects to be discussed at the Committee Meeting on 28 October 2020.

The Committee resolved to recommend the below three projects to City of Darwin to be considered and delivered in 2020/2021 FY at their first Sister City Committee meeting on 28 October 2020.

Project One: Darwin Sister City Online Expo and/or

Project Two: Darwin Multicultural Showcase Event combined with Spun and Film programs

Project Three: Promoting Darwin's Education in Sister Cities plus scholarship program

The above three project proposals were tabled at the City of Darwin Strategic Direction Group Meeting and was provided with the initial approval to proceed and scope Darwin Sister City Online Expo on 10 November 2020.

City of Darwin conducted the key stakeholder engagement process to scope. All the Sister City Committee members were invited to provide feedback on the Expo scope on 2 December 2020.

The Darwin Sister City Expo is well received and supported by key stakeholders including Darwin International Airport, Northern Territory Government through Study NT, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Austrade and Larrakia Nation during the primary stakeholder's engagement in December 2020.

UPDATE

The Darwin Sister City Expo scope document was tabled at the Council Strategic Direction Group and Senior Leading Team (SDG/SLT) meeting for discussion and endorsement on 27 January 2021.

Through SDG/SLT meeting, the Chief Executive Officer has approved the Darwin Sister City Virtual Expo to be delivered and further investigate the Expo online platform to be built into City of Darwin corporate website.

City of Darwin corporate website is under restructuring. City of Darwin Innovation Growth Development Services Department is working closely with the Government Relations & External Affairs department to accommodate the Expo to the website or alternative solution will be identified.

The activities that are already in the proposed scope (Scope PPT that was distributed to the Sister City Committee on 2 December 2020) has been approved by SDG/SLT and Chief Executive Officer, and for this financial year's deliverables, which will be justified within current Sister City Committee budget and timeframe.

More details and progress of implementing this project will be updated when it is available.

10.2 PARALLEL HEARTS LAUNCH PROJECT FINAL REPORT

Author: Manager International Business Relations
Authoriser: General Manager Innovation Growth and Development Services
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report be received and noted.

BACKGROUND

In the 2019 City of Darwin commissioned local audio maker Gaia Osbourne to undertake a series of Podcasts focused on Darwin and Anchorage's First Nations voices.

A series of 7 podcasts of approx. 7 – 16 minutes duration was created in partnership with Larrakia Nation, Darwin, and Dena'ina people in Anchorage.

Episodes focus on topics such as Caring for Country, History and Maintaining Culture. The series designed to increase each city understanding, knowledge and appreciation of the other.

The Audios are covering the following six themes as below:

- Maintaining Culture
- This is Our Land
- Caring for Country
- Seasons
- History
- Sister Cities

Sister City Committee resolved on 28 October 2020 to recommend City of Darwin launch the Parallel Hearts project on 14 November 2020.

UPDATE

The project was delivered as planned and launched at Larrakia Host Shop by City of Darwin on 14 November 2020.

The Launch started with the Welcome to Country Speech delivered by Chair of Larrakia Nation Corporation Richard Fejo and then launched by Lord Mayor The Hon. Kon Vatskalis.

The guests from Larrakia Nation, Sister City Committee, and ABC radio presented at the launch. Image as below:



Photo taken on 14 November 2020 at Larrakia Host Shop

City of Darwin Media Release of Parallel Heart Launch

<https://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/council/news-media/news/city-of-darwin-sister-cities-parallel-hearts-launched>

The project was aired via ABC radio and promoted by Larrakia Nation and City of Darwin as per below:

<https://www.abc.net.au/radio/darwin/programs/sundays/parallel-hearts-introduction/12885640>

11 MEMBER REPORTS

11.1 NEW FRIENDSHIP CITY RELATIONSHIP ESTABLISHMENT

Author: Manager International Business Relations
Authoriser: General Manager Innovation Growth and Development Services
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report be received and noted.

That the Sister City Committee recommends City of Darwin to identify the opportunity to establish Friendship City Relationship with a city from Philippine and India

This report is presented by the Chair of Sister City Committee.

BACKGROUND

Council resolved on 14 July 2020

1. THAT the report 'Review of Sister Cities Committees and International Relations Policy 053' be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the revised Sister Cities Committees and International Relations Policy with immediate effect.

As outlined in the Policy 053 International Relations and Sister City, the International Relationships may be formal or informal and may include: Strategic partnerships; or Sister City relationships. And before a Sister City relationship can commence, a city must have had a strategic partnership arrangement in place for a minimum period of two (2) years.

A strategic partnership will focus on specific benefits of mutual interest and involve strong synergies between business and governments. Examples include education, research, economic development, tourism or a specific trade sector.

Multiple Strategic Partnerships may be developed with another nation, focusing on different synergies and benefits with different cities. There will typically be more community stakeholders and businesses involvement in this type of relationship, with business, institutions and community stakeholders funding their own level of engagement, facilitated by the city.

Strategic Partnerships include:

- Friendship Agreement
- Partnership Agreement
- Memorandum of Cooperation Agreement
- Memorandum of Understanding
- Letter of Intent or Agreement
- Strategic Partnership Agreement

DISCUSSION

Darwin is both modern and multicultural, boasting a population made up of people from more than 60 nationalities and 70 different ethnic backgrounds. There is around 32% of people in city of Darwin born overseas. As per the 2016 census, the top overseas are from Philippine, which occupies 4.3% of the total Darwin population and India ranks the third, occupies 2.7% of the population.

It suggests City of Darwin liaisons with local India and Philippine community/business association to identify the interests and areas of mutual benefits for Darwin with a potential Friendship City Relationship with India and Philippine.

In the 2019 City of Darwin released Darwin 2030 - City for People. City of Colour, a 10-year Strategic Plan for the City. The plan establishes five strategic directions to achieve the vision 'Darwin 2030 – City for People. City of Colour'. The strategic directions aim to develop "**A Vibrant and Creative City**" by embracing, celebrating and valuing the different richness groups bring to the City; Darwin will be a more attractive place for residents and visitors. It will build a greater sense of community ownership, connectedness and belonging.

To support these strategic directions, City of Darwin has endorsed the Policy 053 – International Relations and Sister Cities that outlined the goals and objectives of the International Relations Program:

1. Community and Cross-cultural Development
2. Economic Development
3. International Promotion of City of Darwin

12 GENERAL BUSINESS**12.1 COMMITTEE MEMBER CONFLICT INTEREST DECLARATION UPDATE**

Author: Manager International Business Relations
Authoriser: General Manager Innovation Growth and Development Services
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report be received and noted.

On 10 November 2021, City of Darwin has accepted the Sister City Committee member Terry Hartin Conflict of Interest Declaration, which was failed to declare at the Sister City Committee meeting on 28 October 2021. The Declaration was then submitted to Chief Executive Officer for the Parallel Hearts Project Launch project on Saturday 14 November 2020.

12.2 CHAIR OF SISTER CITY COMMITTEE

Author: Manager International Business Relations

Authoriser: General Manager Innovation Growth and Development Services

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report be received and noted.

The Sister City Committee appreciates the contribution and generous support from Alan Jape as a Chair of Sister City Committee from 21 September 2020 – 28 January 2021.

The Sister City Committee members are invited to nominate a new Chair of the Sister City Committee.

BACKGROUND

At its Ordinary meeting on 14 July 2020, Council resolved:

THAT Council, pursuant to Section 32 (2) of the Local Government Act 2008 hereby delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to;

- nominate Committee Chairs drawn from the Committee membership.

City of Darwin Chief Executive Officer appointed the Chair Alan Jape and Deputy Chair Tony Miaoudis for the 2020 – 2022 Sister City Committee on 21 September 2020 base on the nomination and votes from Sister City Committee members.

DISCUSSION

Due to the family issues, Alan is unable to continue his commitment as Chair of Sister City Committee. Alan submitted his resignation on 27 January 2021.

City of Darwin Chief Executive Officer understands his situation and is supportive of his decision. Alan will continue as a standing member of the committee by receiving information and updates from the Committee only and provides support when he is available.

City of Darwin will start the Chair nomination process and call for the Committee to provide the nomination by sending email to International Relations office by COB Tuesday 16 February. Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris will chair the Committee until the new Chair is appointed.

12.3 REFRESHMENTS AT THE SISTER CITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Author: Manager International Business Relations
Authoriser: General Manager Innovation Growth and Development Services
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report be received and noted.

That Sister City Committee recommends the City of Darwin allocates refreshments budget for the Sister City Committee meeting from the Sister City Committee budget.

BACKGROUND

The Sister City Committee operates to advocate, inform, and support Council with its International Relations programs, while supporting a whole of Council approach to cultural, community and economic development. Sister City Committee is set up as advisory Committee of Council in accordance with Sections 54 and 55 of, the Local Government Act (Act). The Sister City Committee is advisory and has no delegated authority.

City of Darwin Sister City Committee members were appointed by the Council for two years to attend four meetings a year on a volunteer basis.

DISCUSSION

It is suggested that City of Darwin allocates around \$150 of the refreshment cost from the Sister City Committee budget for each formal meeting.

12.4 SISTER CITIES VIRTUAL REALITY FILMING

Author: Manager International Business Relations
Authoriser: General Manager Innovation Growth and Development Services
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report be received and noted.

BACKGROUND

City of Darwin has developed a Darwin Virtual Reality App and WebVR in September 2019. The application allows people to explore Darwin in 360 degrees from anywhere anytime in the world. The App is one of the vital promotion tools for the City of Darwin, targeting tourists, businesses, and students in international markets.

Since it developed last October, the App is well received by the users from Australia, China, the U.S.A and other countries. It has been widely used by the Northern Territory Government and other key stakeholders for their marketing activities.

The App and website version will provide an excellent platform for the Sister Cities to showcase their tourism offerings. City of Darwin will liaison with Sister City governments and invite them to participate in this program.

The cost of virtual filming of sister cities will not from Sister City Committee budget.

WebVR: <https://vr.darwin.nt.gov.au/>

Android Download Link: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.Darwin.VR>

Apple Download link: <https://apps.apple.com/au/app/darwin-virtual-reality/id1479969967>

12.5 2021 - 2022 SISTER CITY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Author: Manager International Business Relations
Authoriser: General Manager Innovation Growth and Development Services
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report be received and noted.

That Sister City Committee endorsed the below proposed meeting schedule.

PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME
2020/2021 FY	
THURSDAY 15 APRIL 2021	4.30 PM – 5.30 PM
THURSDAY 24 JUNE 2021	4.30 PM – 5.30 PM
2021/2022 FY	
THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2021	4.30 PM – 5.30 PM
THURSDAY 9 DECEMBER 2021	4.30 PM – 5.30 PM
THURSDAY 10 MARCH 2022	4.30 PM – 5.30 PM
THURSDAY 16 JUNE 2022	4.30 PM – 5.30 PM

13 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 4.30 PM – 5.30 PM on Thursday 15 April 2021.

14 Closure of Meeting

The Meeting closed at pm.



MINUTES

Sister City Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 28 October 2020

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
SISTER CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY CHAN AVENUE,
DARWIN
ON WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2020 AT 4:00 TO 5:00PM**

PRESENT: Alan Jape, Tony Miaoudis, Christine Silvester, Themis Magoulas, Ping Lu, Vida Ruth Goodvach, Terry Hartin, Alderman George Lambrinidis, Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris, Ms Jane Wang

OFFICERS: Cherry Cai, Manager International Business Relations

APOLOGY: Hue Man Vo, Lisa Malnar, Emily Tyaemaen Ford

GUESTS: Gaia Osborne, Darwin Anchorage Audio Producers, Vanessa Green, Executive Manager Governance, Strategy and Performance

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1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The Manager International Business Relations on behalf of the Chair declared the meeting open at 4:06 pm.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY'

The Chair of Sister City Committee made the acknowledgement of Country

3 APOLOGIES

Hue Man Vo, Lisa Malnar and Emily Tyaemaen Ford

4 LEAVE REQUESTS

Nil

5 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

Alderman George Lambrinidis dialled into the meeting.

6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

6.1 Declaration of Interest by Members

Nil

6.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

8 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

9 PRESENTATIONS

Vanessa Green, Executive Manager Governance, Strategy and Performance presented on Governance Arrangements.

The Chair of Sister Sister Committee chaired the meeting from Agenda item 10 to Item 13.

10 OFFICER REPORTS

10.1 MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION FOR THE NEW MEMBERS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCCCC001/20

Moved: Ms Vida Ruth Goodvach

Seconded: Ms Christine Silvester

1. THAT the report entitled Membership Certificate Presentation for the New Members be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/0

10.2 APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR FOR 2020 - 2022 SISTER CITY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCCCC002/20

Moved: Mr Terry Hartin

Seconded: Mr Ping Lu

1. THAT the report entitled Appointment of the Chair and Deputy Chair for the 2020-2022 Sister City Committee be received and noted.
2. THAT the enclosed Policy 053 International Relations and Sister City(**Attachment 1**) be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/0

10.3 PARALLEL HEARTS - ANCHORAGE & DARWIN AUDIO LAUNCH

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved: Ms Themis Magoulas

Seconded: Ms Christine Silvester

1. THAT the report entitled Parallel Hearts – Anchorage & Darwin Audio Launch be received and noted.
2. THAT the sister city committee recommends the project to be launched by City of Darwin (**Attachment 1**).
3. THAT all the sister city committee members are invited to attend the launch event in Darwin on 14 November 2020.

CARRIED 10/0

10.4 INTRODUCTION OF DARWIN GRANT FINDER

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved: Ms Vida Ruth Goodvach

Seconded: Mr Terry Hartin

1. THAT the report entitled Introduction of Darwin Grant Finder be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/0

10.5 GIFT OF 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HAIKOU AND DARWIN

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved: Mr Ping Lu

Seconded: Ms Themis Magoulias

1. THAT the report entitled Gift of 30th Anniversary of Sister City Relationship Between Haikou and Darwin be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/0

11 MEMBER REPORTS

11.1 2020 SISTER CITY PROJECT PROPOSAL

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved: Ms Jane Wang

Seconded: Ms Themis Magoulias

1. THAT the report entitled 2020 Sister City Project Proposal be received and noted.
2. THAT the Committee recommends the below project proposals to be considered by City of Darwin in 2020/2021 financial year.

Project One: Darwin Sister City Online Expo (**Attachment 1**) ; and/or

Project Two: Promoting Darwin's Education in Sister Cities plus scholarship program (**Attachment 4**) ; and/or

Project Three: Darwin Multicultural Showcase Event (**Attachment 3**)

CARRIED 10/0

11.2 INTRODUCTION LETTER OF 2020 SISTER CITY COMMITTEE TO SISTER CITY GOVERNMENTS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved: Mr Terry Hartin

Seconded: Mr Ping Lu

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That the Committee recommends City of Darwin to send an Introduction Letter of 2020 – 2022 Sister City Committee membership to the six Sister City Governments.

CARRIED 10/0

Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris left the meeting at 5.15pm

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved: Ms Vida Ruth Goodvach

Seconded: Ms Christine Silvester

That the Sister City Committee recommends City of Darwin to identify two members from the Committee as the primary contact of each sister city.

CARRIED 9/0

13 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 4.30pm – 5.30pm on 28 January 2020.

The Meeting closed at 6:03pm.