

International Relations Development Advisory Committee (IRDAC)

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name.	Sister City Economic & Cultural Development Advisory Committee Meeting	Meeting No.	2
Meeting Date	20 May 2013		
Meeting Time	3:08pm - 4:33pm		
Meeting Location	South Wing Conference Room, Civic Centre, 63 Cathedral Ave		
Attendees	Cr Chris Gabelish (Chair);	By Invitation	Darren Lee, Managing Director, Market Creations,
	Cr Ron Ashplant (Deputy Chair);	Apologies	Peter Klein, CEO Geraldton Port Authority Rob Jefferies, CEO Geraldton Iron Ore Alliance; Bert Beevers, Managing Director Durack Institute of Technology;
	Ian Carpenter, Mayor;	Staff	Ken Diehm, CEO CGG; Cheryl Wood, Director Department of Organizational Performance; Robert Smallwood, Manager Economy, Innovation & Technology; Han Jie Davis, Officer Economic Development & Foreign Affairs
	Meredith Wills, Director Geraldton Universities Centre;	Distribution	as above
	Gavin Treasure, CEO Mid West Development Commission		

1) Welcome

The Chair welcomed all members and advised that permission had been given to record audio from this meeting for the purpose of taking meeting minutes.

2) Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Sister City Economic & Cultural Development Advisory Committee RESOLVES that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18th February 2013, as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings (as attached).

Moved Chris Gabelish, Seconded Meredith Wills.

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3. Presentation to the Committee by Mr. Darren Lee, Basketball Australia on the China and Australia National Basketball Teams “Dine with the Giants” luncheon.

Mr Lee discussed with the Committee an opportunity for the City to participate in and contribute \$4,000 in support of a luncheon with China and Australian players in Perth to be held on 4 June 2013. Mr Lee advised that other organisations in the Geraldton area including Market Creations and Durack Institute of Technology, amongst others, had committed sponsorship. The Committee was advised that this sponsorship could possibly lead to Geraldton hosting an internationally-televised basketball game between Australia and China in the future, which would be watched by millions of viewers around the world and would raise Geraldton’s profile on the international stage.

Moved Meredith Wills, Seconded Mayor Ian Carpenter

MOTION

THAT the Committee recommends to Council to contribute sponsorship to the value of \$4,000 towards the proposed China-Australia National Basketball Teams luncheon to be held in Perth on Tuesday 4 June 2013.

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4. Briefings

- 4.1 City’s delegations tour to China in March/April 2013
- 4.2 Ongoing developments of Chinese relations including Zhanjiang, Zhoushan and Linfen City
- 4.3.1 Japan Sister Cities Forum
- 4.4 Proposed Indonesia visit in Aug/Sep 2013.

5. Other Business

- 5.1 “Swimming Across China”

Cr Gabelish discussed with the Committee the concept of the ‘Swimming Across China’ initiative which is similar to an initiative called ‘Swimming across Australia’ that was carried out across Australia (launched from Geraldton) nine years ago. The committee agreed to allow for informal investigative discussions about the potential for running the activity, noting that should there be interest by China that Council would need to endorse any proposed action.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday 19th Aug 2013 in the Committee Meeting Room, Civic Centre, 63 Cathedral Ave commencing at 3pm.

7. Closure

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 4:33pm.