

## Richfield Friendship City Commission Meeting Minutes May 21, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chair Roger Swanson at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Roger Swanson, Pat Elliott, Frank Sitka, Craig Osten, Cynthia Mandl, Dave Delzer, and Mary Supple. Absent was Christine Kargel.

The minutes of the April 16, 2009 meeting were approved as presented. The Treasurer's report was also received and filed for audit. We have a balance of \$5,196.64, which includes \$1,410 from the earthquake fundraiser and interest. We transitioned to the new Treasurer at this meeting. Records were passed on and signature cards completed.

### **Old Business**

We were updated on the earthquake relief efforts. After wire transfer fees were taken care of, \$1,390 arrived in Costa Rica. Alvaro will send pictures and documentation of how the money is used. Thank you letters were sent to all donors.

Contacts were made for the pen pal project. Craig is waiting to hear back from Luis.

Frank shared a listing of what we currently have in our historical archives. He is hoping to store them in the Heredia Room. Pat will work on facilitating that. Cynthia also brought posters to add to the archives.

### **New Business**

We would like a display area for Commission artifacts in the new City Hall. Pat will inform us when the discussion is on the agenda for the City Council.

Neighbors of Heredia Park in Richfield presented concerns to the City Council because schematics show that the new city hall will be partially on current park land. The Commission was updated on current plans. The name will not change, but a suggestion was made for a new name plaque explaining about Heredia, Costa Rica's, and Richfield's friendship city relationship.

Inquiries were made about a possible next tour of Richfield residents to Heredia. It would need at least 12 people. This will be explored at future meetings.

Questions were also asked about the process for appointing youth members to the Commission as both positions are currently vacant. In the past, youth members have made a valuable contribution to our efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Supple Secretary