

Richfield Friendship City Commission Meeting Minutes  
July 16, 2009

The Commission began its meeting by sitting in on the public hearing in the City Council Chambers on the subject of city hall construction and its impact on Heredia Park. This hearing was of interest to the Commission because Heredia Park is named after Heredia, Costa Rica, our Friendship City partner. Cynthy Mandl made available a copy of the public plaque on display in Heredia honoring the relationship.

Following the meeting, Chair Roger Swanson called the business portion of the meeting to order. Present were Frank Sitko, Cynthy Mandl, Roger Swanson and Mary Supple. Members Craig Osten and Dave Delzer had excused absences.

Cynthy received an e-mail update from Costa Rica on a proposal for the use of the donated earthquake relief funds. A suggestion was made to use the money to replace the local school copier damaged in the quake. Cynthy will follow-up with Alvaro expressing that the Commission would be fine with that plan for the use of the funds. Alvaro also asked about the possibility of using any remaining funds for wheelchairs and hospital beds. Cynthy will clarify that all donated funds are to be used specifically for earthquake relief.

Frank Sitko gave an update on the archives project.

Roger has reserved a booth for the Commission at Cattail Day on September 19. Coffee will again be ordered.

All other business on the agenda, including approval of last month's minutes, was postponed until our next meeting on August 20, due to the lateness of the hour.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Supple, Secretary