

# City of Cambridge

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In City Council November 19, 1984

The Sister Cities Committee conducted two meetings, one on Wednesday, November 7, 1984 at 3:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Office and the second on Wednesday, November 14, 1984 at 8:00 a.m. for the purpose of discussing the creation of a "working sub-committee" to develop long range plans to maintain a viable sister-city program with Yatabe, Japan.

The Committee heard from Mr. Tony Yamada, who with former Mayor Vellucci was instrumental in establishing the original program. Mr. Yamada informed the Committee that Japan is currently preparing for "Expo '85", a presentation by high-tech industries of their state of the art equipment in the computer field. It has been suggested that the members of the City Council attend the upcoming "Expo '85" and to participate in "America Week" in July of 1985.

Both Mayor Russell and Councillor Duehay urged Mr. Yamada to reach out to local area business, academic, sports and cultural groups in an effort to gain their support and assistance in the sister-city program.

Councillor Walter Sullivan suggested that among those people to be contacted should be Mr. Roger Berkowitz, President of Legal Sea Food, due to his long history of international food trading.

It was agreed that the Council Committee will act as an Executive Committee of the Working Group which will be formed soon, and this executive committee will be co-chaired by Mayor Russell and Councillor Vellucci.

At the meeting held on November 14, 1984, Councillor Vellucci echoed the sentiments of the other Committee members in urging Mr. Yamada to form, immediately, a working committee of eight to ten individuals to develop long range plans for the Council Committee in order to maintain the sister-city concept beyond "Expo '85".

Mr. Yamada stated that he has begun to work on this and has already identified two or three people who are willing to serve.

Mayor Russell suggested that the City Solicitor should be requested to review the feasibility of preparing articles of incorporation in preparation of any fund-raising activities on behalf of the Committee.

Councillor Vellucci stated he would provide Mr. Yamada with additional names of people he knows will serve on the Committee.

For the Committee,



Councillor Alfred E. Vellucci  
Chairman.

## REPORT

### **Committee on Sister Cities**

Re: creation of a Working Sub-Committee of which the Sister Cities Committee will act as an Executive Committee to, for the purpose of developing long range plans for maintaining a viable sister-city relationship with Yatabe, Japan.

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