

# City of Cambridge

The Sister City Committee conducted a public hearing on Tuesday, June 26, 1990 beginning at 12:10 p.m. in the Ackermann Room, City Hall.

Councillor Jonathan S. Myers, Chair of the above referenced committee, convened the hearing and stated that this date's agenda would include a discussion on possible recommendations based on prior presentations for a coordinated Sister City effort. Members present were Councillor Francis H. Duehay, Councillor Walter J. Sullivan and Deputy City Clerk John E. Flynn.

Councillor Myers opened the proceedings by providing a capsulized summary of the presentations made and the discussions held between this Committee and various representatives of the City Sister Affiliations. The Chair stressed the need for further study to include a needs assessment as well as the possible development of an umbrella to provide assistance and coordination between and among the City and the various affiliations. The Chair then recommended to the Committee for its consideration the hiring of a Consultant to conduct the needs assessment and provide recommendations on the feasibility of creating a vehicle to provide this coordination effort.

Councillor Duehay commenting on the Chair's opening remarks stated that the Business Community might be interested in the idea of such a coordinated effort such as an International Office if approached in the planning and development stages.

Councillor Sullivan stated that he would not support the Chair's recommendations if City monies were to be used to finance such a study.

Councillor Duehay stated that private monies should be solicited to finance the study.

Councillor Duehay through the Chair offered the following:

That the Committee approve of the idea as expressed by the Chair with the proviso that said study be financed through private monies and that a request be forwarded in writing and signed by the membership of this Committee to the business community articulating and clarifying the possibilities of such a venture.

The Committee concurred with Councillor Duehay's motion.

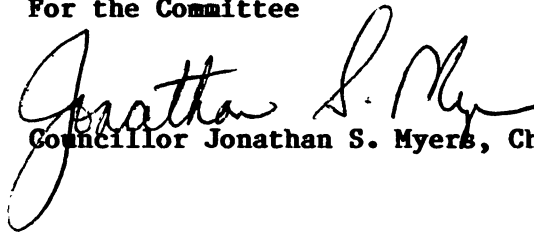
Councillor Myers stated that the next step for the Committee would be to identify those businesses or individuals who would be interested in providing financial support for this study.

Councillor Duehay suggested a brainstorming session be held with representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and the Universities to identify potential financial support for underwriting this study.

The Chair concurred with Councillor Duehay and would arrange for such a session.

The hearing was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

For the Committee

  
Councillor Jonathan S. Myers, Chair

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Sister City Committee report for a hearing held on June 26, 1990 to discuss possible recommendations based on prior presentations for a coordinated Sister City effort.

In City Council,

July 30, 1990

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