



Office of Mayor Charlie Hales
City of Portland

REPORT TO COUNCIL

DATE: December 26, 2013

TO: City Council

FROM: Mayor Charlie Hales

SUBJECT: Accept Report from Portland Suzhou Sister City Association on the recent trip to Suzhou

I am pleased to submit for your consideration and acceptance a report from the Portland Suzhou Sister City Association on a recent trip to Suzhou, China.

Portland and Suzhou have been sister cities since 1988; during that time, the rich relationship between the cities has flowered – literally, in the case of our own Lan Su gardens. Across the street from City Hall visitors and Portlanders alike can see the majestic “Suzhou Stone,” which is said to bring our city prosperity and peace. Suzhou too has benefitted from the relationship, evident in their strong planning and sustainability models. Two common shared values are a love of art and a love of education.

In October of this year, Mayor Hales led a delegation from Portland to Suzhou, in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the relationship between the cities. He was joined by the president of the PSSCA, Robert Fraser, the incoming president, Cathy Chinn, and past presidents of the association, including James Mei. Lincoln principal Peyton Chapman was also with the delegation; she brought Lincoln high school student Emily Levine who captivated her hosts with her fluency in Mandarin.

The purpose of this presentation on January 8, 2014, at 2:00 is for the some of the members of the delegation to tell the City Council about this trip. The report will cover the history and mission of PSSCA; important facts about Suzhou and its synergy with Portland; the educational components, reflections, and conclusions of the trip from Lincoln’s principal (and PSSCA board member) Peyton Chapman; and the RACC-funded grants which were displayed during the trip.

Finally, the presenters will share with the Council the award given to Portland by Sister Cities International, for Economic Development, which will be presented at the US-China Sister Cities Conference in March 2014.

Sincerely,

Charlie Hales
Mayor of Portland

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Portland Suzhou Sister City Association Report Presentation to City Council. (Report)

<p>INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Hales</p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>JAN 03 2014</u></p>
<p>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</p> <p>Mayor—Finance and Administration - Hales <i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz</p> <p>Position 2/Works - Fish</p> <p>Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman</p> <p>Position 4/Safety - Novick</p>	<p>LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By: <i>[Signature]</i> Deputy</p>
<p>BUREAU APPROVAL</p> <p>Bureau: Mayor's Office Bureau Head: Mayor Charlie Hales</p>	<p>ACTION TAKEN:</p> <p>JAN 08 2014 : ACCEPTED</p>
<p>Prepared by: Judy Parker Date Prepared: 12/26/13</p>	
<p>Financial Impact & Public Involvement Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Council Meeting Date January 8, 2014</p>	
<p>City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan</p>	

AGENDA
<p>TIME CERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Start time: 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Total amount of time needed: 60 mins (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>
<p>CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/> Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:	
	YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	<i>[Signature]</i> Fritz	
2. Fish	2. Fish <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4. Novick	4. Novick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Hales	Hales <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	