

**Sister Cities- San Diego, CA- Jalalabad, Afghanistan
Exploratory Meeting
Luce, Forward—Del Mar Office
October 23, 2003
5:30 PM**

Minutes

Attendees:

Shogofa Abassi, Hamed Atta, Shuaib Azizi, Hamed Bayat; Steve Brown, Wayne Cusick, Chuck DuVivier, David Edick; Bashir Ghazialam, Liz Hinkle, David Malikyar, Steve Mosher, Ron Plotkin, Khaliq Raufi, Sandra Rimer, James Ritchie, Cynthia Villis, Mike Whipple

The meeting commenced at 5:45 with Steve Brown welcoming those in attendance. The Master contact list was passed around for corrections and additions. That updated list is attached. Please review your contact information to see if it has been recorded properly. (It was difficult to read some of the entries.)

Each attendee gave a brief statement regarding their interest in the San Diego-Jalalabad Sister Cities prospect.

Steve Brown provided some background information regarding the circumstances leading up to this exploratory meeting.

David Edick, then talked about the process to establish the Sister Cities relationship.

The group present unanimously voted to form a Friendship Committee to work to establish a San Diego-Jalalabad Sister City relationship. The following individuals agreed to be on the Steering Committee to implement the relationship:

Steve Brown, Bashir Ghazialam, James Ritchie; Hamed Bayat, Hamed Atta and Cynthia Villis. Additionally, although not present, Ann Pelling, Fary Moini and Ahmed Mesdaq have also expressed interest in being on the Steering Committee.

All others present indicated a willingness to be part of a San Diego Jalalabad Sister Cities Support Group which can be drawn on as resources in establishing the relationship and in participating once the relationship is established.

Wayne Cusick offered to be the Rotary Liaison for this process. David Edick indicated that his position would be an advisor to the committee.

James Ritchie agreed to meet with the Mayor of Jalalabad to obtain his formal endorsement for this process and to assist in the establishment of the reciprocal committee in Jalalabad. James will also meet with the Governor of Nangarhar Province to advise him of our progress and seek his support.

Flouran Wali, although not present, has advised from Kabul that she will assist in interfacing with representatives of the Afghan Central Government, to the extent appropriate, regarding the establishment of the Sister City relationship.

Finally a picture was taken of all attendees of this first organizational meeting to establish the San Diego-Jalalabad Sister City relationship. See below.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Submitter 

Steve Brown, Acting Chairman

