

City of Homer

Memorandum

07-106

To: Walt Wrede
From: Rachel Livingston
Date: June 6, 2007
Re: **Sister City Teshio Journey**

The time has come for the City of Homer to visit our Japan Sister City of Teshio. We are planning a visit for approximately October 23rd through October 30th. Please have the City Council start the discussion on who would like to attend this very special event.

This particular visit is of the utmost importance because Teshio has erected a monument in our honor. The City of Teshio is very excited about this visit and treats the City of Homer like royalty when we are in their homeland. Mayor Hornaday has sent a letter to Teshio to announce our proposed schedule which is also attached.

Steve Yoshida heads our sister city program and we have been in discussions about revamping this program. We propose to ask council members to pay half the cost of the flight to Teshio. Once our delegation arrives, most all of our expenses are taken care of by either City of Teshio or City of Homer. We also propose that members of the council who are up for reelection refrain from attending or pay in full since we have had problems in the past with members who are on their way out of office attending events where they might not have any further involvement with the Sister City program.

We would really like to see at least two Councilmembers attend this special visit and I will have something before the council at the next meeting.

Please try to get an idea of which Councilmembers would like to take the trip.