

SISTER CITIES RELATIONS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 13, 2021, 4:00pm

The Sister Cities Relations Committee of the City of Rohnert Park met this date via Zoom for a regular meeting to commence at 4:00pm.

1. SISTER CITIES RELATIONS COMMITTEE- CALL TO ORDER/ROLL-CALL

Vice-Chair Knappman called the meeting to order at 4:02pm, the notice for which being posted on May 10, 2021

Present: Shari Lorenz, Chair (Arrived during item 5)

Sachiko Knappman, Vice-Chair

Francesca Borin, Committee Member

Olga Senyk, Committee Member

Anthony Altamirano, Committee Member

Staff Present: Community Services Supervisor, Amanda Foley

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- Approval of minutes for the Sister Cities Relations Committee Regular Meeting April 08, 2021.

Action: Moved/second (Senyk/Borin) to approve meeting minutes for Regular Meeting of April 08, 2021. The motion carried with the following 4-0-0-1 vote. AYES:, Knappman, Borin, Senyk, Altamirano. NOS: None; ABSTAINS: None; ABSENT: Lorenz

5. STUDENT EXCHANGE PLANNING

a. Hashimoto Committee Update

b. Discussion/Direction

Community Services Supervisor, Foley, shared an update from the Hashimoto Sister Cities Committee. The Hashimoto Committee shared the vaccine rollout is slow and the COVID situation has not improved. Foley also shared the Hashimoto committee hopes to be able to make a decision about having a student exchange after the Summer Olympics take place. Foley also shared the Hashimoto Committee is interested in having the Rohnert Park Committee create and send an introduction video of each member. Foley asked each committee member to send a short introduction video which will then be turned in to a slideshow.

c. Application/Interview Review

b. Discussion/Direction

The committee reviewed the student exchange application and interview questions. The committee agreed on adding a few additional interview questions.

c. Marketing Materials Review

b. Discussion/Direction

The committee reviewed student exchange marketing materials and made no changes.

6. MATTERS TO AND FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Lorenz adjourned the regular meeting of the Sister Cities Relations Committee at 4:34pm.

Shari Lorenz, Cha

Amanda Foley, Recording Secretary