

SISTER CITIES RELATIONS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 12, 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

Chair Lorenz called the meeting to order at 4:01pm, the notice for which being posted on August 6, 2021.

Present: Shari Lorenz, Chair Sachiko Knappman, Vice-Chair Francesca Borin, Committee Member Olga Senyk, Committee Member

Absent: Anthony Altamirano, Committee Member

Staff Present: Community Services Supervisor, Amanda Foley

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- Approval of minutes for the Sister Cities Relations Committee Regular Meeting June 10, 2021.

Action: Moved/Second (Senyk/Borin) to approve the meeting minutes for the Regular meeting of June 10, 2021. The minutes were approved and the motion was carried with the following 4-0-0-1 vote: **AYES**: Lorenz, Knappman, Borin, Senyk, **NOS**: None; **ABSTAINS**: None; **ABSENT**: Altamirano

4. STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM UPDATE

a. Hashimoto Committee Update

b. Discussion

Chair Lorenz shared correspondence from Hashimoto and shared the Hashimoto committee came to the conclusion they will not be able to participate in a student exchange program for 2022 due to Covid-19.

5. PREVIOUS STUDENT AMBASSADOR MEETING

a. Student Ambassador Zoom Meeting Proposal

b. Discussion/Direction

Chair Lorenz shared the Hashimoto committee proposed hosting a Zoom meeting with previous student ambassadors from Rohnert Park and Hashimoto. The purpose of the meeting would be for

students to share their exchange program experience. Chair Lorenz will reach out to previous Rohnert Park ambassadors to see if they are interested in participating potentially sometime in September. Community Services Supervisor Foley, let the committee know that if more than two committee members wanted to join the meeting, it would have to be noticed as a Special Meeting.

6. MATTERS TO AND FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Due to the exchange program being canceled for 2022, Community Services Supervisor Foley shared with the committee the remaining meetings throughout the year would be canceled due to lack of business. If something were to arise where a meeting would be needed, Chair Lorenz and Director of Community Services, Cindy Bagley will communicate.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Lorenz adjourned the regular meeting of the Sister Cities Relations Committee at 4:26pm.

Shari Lorenz, Chair

Amanda Foley, Recording Secretary