



**SISTER CITIES RELATIONS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, April 14, 2022, 4:00pm

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

Chair Lorenz called the meeting to order at 4:03pm, the notice for which being posted on March 7, 2022.

Present: Shari Lorenz, Chair
Sachiko Knappman, Vice-Chair
Francesca Borin, Committee Member
Anthony Altamirano, Committee Member

Absent: Olga Senyk, 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 March 10, 2022.

Action: Moved/Second (Borin/Knappman) to approve the meeting minutes for the Regular meeting of March 10, 2022. The motion was carried with the following 4-0-0-1 vote: **AYES:** Knappman, Borin, Altamirano; **NOS:** None; **ABSTAINS:** None; **ABSENT:** Senyk

4. STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM UPDATE

a. Program Budgeting & Next Steps

Community Services Supervisor Foley, reported the Sister Cities program will no longer be sourced by the City's general fund and will switch to being sourced by fundraising efforts.

b. Hashimoto Update

Chair Lorenz reported she has not received correspondence back from Hashimoto after several attempts of reaching out via e-mail. Chair Lorenz will send another e-mail and report back next meeting.

c. Discussion/Recommendation

Chair Lorenz suggested the committee apply for the City's Small Grants Program. Community Supervisory Foley stated she would confirm if the committee was eligible. Chair Lorenz also suggested seeking sponsorship from service organizations such as the 20/30 club, Lions Club. Vice-Chair Knappman suggested seeking sponsorship from the Japanese American Citizen League. Chair Lorenz discussed creating a fundraising committee.

Committee Member Altamirano shared he could ask his work company for a sponsorship donation.

5. STUDENT AMBASSADOR MEETING

a. Student Ambassador Zoom Meeting

b. Discussion/Recommendation

Former student ambassadors Evan and Corey have confirmed their participation for participating in the Zoom Student Ambassador meeting. The committee discussed this item being on pause until we hear back from Hashimoto.

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 4:37pm.


Shari Lorenz, Chair


Amanda Foley, Recording Secretary