

# SISTER CITIES RELATIONS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 11, 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 August 8, 2022.

Present: Shari Lorenz, Chair

Sachiko Knappman, Vice-Chair

Anthony Altamirano, Committee Member

Olga Senyk, Committee Member Francesca Borin, Committee Member

Absent: None

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 of July 14, 2022.

Action: Moved/Second (Knappman/Altamirano) to approve the meeting minutes for the Regular meeting of July 14, 2022. The motion was carried with the following 3-0-2-0 vote: **AYES**: Altamirano, Knappman, Senyk; **NOS**: None; **ABSTAINS**: Lorenz; Borin; **ABSENT**: None

#### 4. STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM UPDATE

a. Fundraising and Budget Updates

Chair Lorenz reported that she had reached out to Councilmember Giudice regarding the cut of the Sister Cities budget. Chair Lorenz shared Councilmember Giudice brought it up at a City Council meeting to agenize the Sister Cities program budget as an item at a future City Council meeting. Community Services Supervisor, Foley reported staff will be working on a report to present to City Council regarding the Sister Cities program budget.

b. Host Family Paperwork Review

The Committee reviewed host family paperwork. The committee discussed the need to put any applicable Covid guidance in the paperwork. Community Services Supervisor Foley will share the paperwork with Hashimoto and will ask what their interview/background process consists of. Community Services Supervisor Foley will ask if there are any current travel restrictions traveling to and from Japan.

c. Hashimoto Student Proposed Dates

Community Services Supervisor, Foley reported Hashimoto sent proposed student exchange dates for 2023.

d. Discussion/Recommendation

The committee is in agreement with the dates.

## 5. MATTERS TO AND FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

### 6. COMMUNICATIONS

None

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Lorenz adjourned the regular meeting of the Sister Cities Relations Committee at 4:39pm.

Shari Lorenz, Chair

Amanda Foley, Recording Secretary