

SISTER CITIES RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF ROHNERT PARK

Special Meeting Minutes- DRAFT
Thursday, May 9, 2019

The Sister Cities Relations Committee of the City of Rohnert Park met this date at Rohnert Park Community Center, 5401 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park, for a special meeting to commence at 4:00pm.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cyrel Tramel at 4.08pm

Roll Call

Present: Committee members Sachiko Knappman, Cyrel Tramel, Olga Senyk, Shari Lorenz

Absent: Gay Deady

Staff Present: Community Services Supervisor, Nelle Herman Community Services Program
Coordinator, Amanda Foley

Acknowledgement of Meeting Agenda Posting

Community Services Supervisor Herman acknowledged posting of the regular agenda in three public places per Brown Act requirements.

1. Approval of March Minutes

a. Member Senyk motioned to approve the April meeting minutes. Member Knappman seconded the motion.

2. Treasurers Report

a. Chair Tramel reported on behalf of member Deady that the balance is \$1121.81.

b. The committee requested an itemized list of expenses from this year. This will be an agenda item for the June meeting.

3. Rohnert Park Student Ambassador Presentation.

a. Student Ambassador Kori reported she had a great experience in Hashimoto. Community Services Supervisor Herman shared Parks and Recreation Commission agenda. Student Ambassador Kori will present at the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on June 3rd.

4. Sister Cities Budget Request Update

a. Community Services Coordinator, Foley reported that the budget for the 2019/2020 year has already been approved. The committee can revisit the budget increase request in January of 2020 to potentially get additional funds for spring of 2021.

b. The committee agreed the Rohnert Park host family should receive a \$400 stipend for hosting the two Hashimoto student ambassadors. Member Knappman made a motion to approve the \$400 stipend. Member Senyk seconded the motion.

5. Matter's to and From Committee Members

- a. Member Lorenz requested clarification on why the committee switched from hosting in the summer to hosting in the spring. Community Services Supervisor Herman let the committee know it was because airfare is more expensive in the summer. The committee spoke about extending the amount of time the students come in the spring so they have more time to do activities.
- b. Community Services Supervisor Herman brought up a possible grant opportunity from Sonoma State University. Herman will forward the e-mail to chair Tramel and he will take the lead.
- c. Member Knappman shared she has a new neighbor who might be interested in participating in Sister Cities on a subcommittee level.
- d. Member Knappman suggested creating a subcommittee for organizing the display case at the Community Center.

6. Public Comment

None

Meeting adjourned at 4:41pm



Cyrel Tramel, Chair



Amanda Foley, Community Services Program Coordinator