



**SISTER CITIES RELATIONS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES-**

Thursday, October 13, 2022, 4:00pm

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

Chair Lorenz called the meeting to order at 4:07pm, the notice for which being posted on October 8, 2022.

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

Absent: Anthony Altamirano, Committee Member

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- Approval of minutes for the Sister Cities Relations Committee Regular Meeting August 11, 2022.

Action: Moved/Second (Lorenz/Borin) to approve the meeting minutes for the Regular meeting of August 11, 2022. The motion was carried with the following 4-0-0-1 vote: **AYES:** Lorenz, Borin, Knappman, Senyk; **NOS:** None; **ABSTAINS:** None; **ABSENT:** Altamirano

4. STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM UPDATE

a. Student Exchange Program Budget Update

i. Rotary Club of Sonoma Mountain Twilight Partnership

Community Services Supervisor, Foley shared with the Committee that since the last meeting, staff presented an item to City Council to let them know that the Rotary Club of Sonoma Mountain Twilight had agreed to be the funding source for the Sister Cities Committee Student Exchange Program. Community Services Supervisor, Foley also shared that when writing the report for City Council that staff uncovered a lot of information about the history and intent of the Sister Cities Committee. Foley shared that according to the resolution that authorized the Sister City relationship the Sister Cities program should involve all aspects of the community and should be a community wide effort. Chair Lorenz reported that at the most recent board meeting, the Rotary Club of Sonoma Mountain Twilight shared they would no longer be able to be the funding source for the Sister Cities Committee Student Exchange Program.

b. Logistics of Student Exchange Program 2023

Due to lack of funding, the committee was in agreement that the Student Exchange program for 2023 would need to be canceled.

c. Discussion

Moved/Second (Knappman/ Senyk) to agendize exploring the option of the Sister Cities Committee becoming a non-profit. The motion was carried with the following 4-0-0-1 vote: **AYES:** Lorenz, Borin, Knappman, Senyk; **NOS:** None; **ABSTAINS:** None; **ABSENT:** Altamirano

5. MATTERS TO AND FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

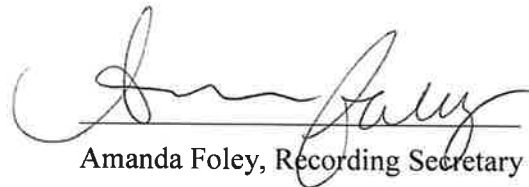
None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Lorenz adjourned the regular meeting of the Sister Cities Relations Committee at 4:37pm.



Shari Lorenz, Chair



Amanda Foley, Recording Secretary