



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

Thursday, July 14, 2022, 4:00pm

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

Vice-Chair Knappman called the meeting to order at 4:06pm, the notice for which being posted on July 11, 2022.

Present: Sachiko Knappman, Vice-Chair  
Anthony Altamirano, Committee Member  
Olga Senyk, Committee Member

Absent: Shari Lorenz, Chair  
Francesca Borin, 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 9, 2022.

Action: Moved/Second (Altamirano/Senyk) to approve the meeting minutes for the Regular meeting of June 9, 2022 with the amendment of Item 4A noting that Vice-Chair Knappman has not yet requested a donation from the Japanese American Citizen League. The motion was carried with the following 3-0-0-2 vote: **AYES:** Altamirano, Knappman, Senyk; **NOS:** None; **ABSTAINS:** None; **ABSENT:** Borin, Lorenz

### **4. STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM UPDATE**

#### **a. Fundraising Updates & Future Plans**

Community Services Supervisor, Foley reported that Chair Lorenz has secured a fundraising partnership with the Rotary Club of Sonoma Mountain Twilight. The purpose of the partnership is to have businesses donate funds to Rotary on behalf of Sister Cities in order to make the donation tax deductible. Committee Member Altamirano reported out on donation outreach. Committee Member Altamirano shared that Exchange Bank has expressed interest in possibly donating \$500 to the Sister Cities Student Exchange Program.

#### **b. Discussion/Recommendation**

Vice-Chair Knappman would like to invite Committee Members to a Japanese American Citizen League Zoom Board meeting to pitch a donation request. Vice-Chair Knappman shared the board meetings take place the first Monday of the month. Foley to confirm if all committee members could attend or if only two should due to the Brown Act. Committee Member Altamirano asked for clarification of what sponsorship benefits include.

Community Services Supervisor Foley shared benefits include having their logo/business mentioned on the City's website, and on Community Services Facebook page. Foley will get confirmation on whether or not businesses can be mentioned on the 101 sign for their sponsorship.

**6. MATTERS TO AND FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Vice-Chair Knappman shared an upcoming event called Cranes for Ukraine that is being planned by the Sonoma County Japanese American Citizens League.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Vice-Chair Knappman adjourned the regular meeting of the Sister Cities Relations Committee at 4:30pm.

  
Shari Lorenz, Chair

  
Amanda Foley, Recording Secretary