

Sister Cities Commission
December 10, 2019 Minutes
Eagle Room, 130 E. Sunset Way, Issaquah, WA

Commission and Administrative Personnel Present

Present:

Stephanie Angula
Nilendu Pal
Robbin Kelley
Ryan Opitz
Shari Gehrke
Charlee Roundhill
Amy Dukes (standing in for Tina)
Nathan Beh (Youth Board Rep)

Absent, excused

Heather Stapf
Madeline Fish
Tina Eggers

1. Call to Order

6:45PM

2. Approval of November 26, 2019 Minutes

Unanimously approved.

3. Audience Comments

No members of the public were present.

4. Regular Business

a. Sons of Norway Cascade Lodge Christmas Party Update

Stephanie and Ryan attended. Sons of Norway expressed continued interest in maintaining a relationship with the commission.

a.5. January Dates

- Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Half to be utilized for regular meeting and other half to plan the work session
- Work Retreat: Still gathering feedback regarding date/times from the poll

b. Retreat goal setting planning

General discussion regarding possible topics: Establish short and long-term goals, picking an artist, budget, discussion surrounding MOUs, subcommittees

b.5. Youth Board Presentation

Nathan provided background to the Youth Advisory Board and projects they have done in the past.

Suggestions regarding ways the Sister Cities Commission can be involved:

- Amazing Race event
- “The Quah” YouTube channel – videos of a day in the life of someone from our sister cities,
- Gift ideas – care package exchange including items (e.g., food, every day staples, etc.) that can be exchanged back and forth

c. Logistics vs. Parking lot big ideas

Discussion surrounding need for Parking Lot section to remain in the agenda

d. Outstanding items

- Communications Team
 - Table the discussion of subcommittees and having a Communication Team for the retreat
 - Having a survey for the visiting artist to note highlights and challenges of their trip
 - Thank you notes and receiving feedback from the partners who donated hotel rooms, meals, etc.
 - Discussion surrounding recruitment emails
- MOUs
 - Chefchaouen MOU draft has been updated and is ready to be sent to the office of the Mayor and will be sent by Robin Kelley with Tina Eggers cc’d
- Other items
 - Annual Responsibilities
 - Food provided during retreat

5. Other Business / Announcements

No additional items

a. Parking Lot

- Discussion with Amy regarding funding stream options – Arts Commission Grants, 4Culture, Other government agencies (i.e., state arts commissions), private donors, petition City Council to recognize the Sister Cities Commission as an entity
- Partnership and information sharing with the Arts Commission

6. Adjournment

8:20PM