

03-09-21 Sister Cities Commission Minutes

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6:30 PM
March 9, 2021

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES**COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Alternate Meeting Format: On March 6, 2020 the Mayor declared a civil emergency due to the outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19). On March 24, 2020 the Governor issued Proclamation 20-28 relating to the COVID-19 emergency and open public meetings. The proclamation has been extended. Due to these factors, the meeting was held using a remote meeting platform.

Commissioners:

Stephanie Angula
Shari Gehrke
Madeline Fish
Nilendu Pal (*Unexcused Absence*)
Robin Kelley
Ryan Opitz
Charlee Roundhill
Heather Stapf

Youth Board Representatives:

Nathan Beh
Delnaz Ghadiali (visitor)
Daryush Ghadiali (visitor)

Administrative Staff:

Tina Eggers, City Clerk
Jillian Decoteau, Admin Specialist

CALL TO ORDER

- a) The meeting was called the meeting to order at 6:51 PM.
- b) Welcome Back!
The Commission reflected on the year long hiatus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of February 11, 2020

The minutes were APPROVED as presented by unanimous consent.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS – None.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- a) **Effective Meetings & Major Milestones**
The Commission reviewed its established guidelines and protocols.
- b) **Annual Recruitment**
Commissioners Fish and Kelly will be departing the Commission at the end of April. Commissioner Roundhill is seeking a short term. While several other positions remain vacant. It was the consensus of the Commission to proceed with interviews despite the limited applicant pool and recommend to the Mayor that a mid-year recruitment occur at a date yet to be determined.
- c) **Potential 2021 Work Plan**
The Commission reviewed its 2020 Retreat Brainstorming List for potential items that can be integrated into a 2021 workplan. The following items were flagged for potential virtual engagement:
 - o Desired Contributions & Efforts
 - o Education and Tourism-focused engagement with the Sister Cities
 - o Sister Cities pen pals (citizen-to-citizen; between schools)

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- Day-in-the-life videos / storytelling
- Sister Cities re-engagement

The Commission decided to create two small work groups to work offline and report back at the April 13 meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parking Lot

- New terms effective May 1, 2021
- Commission Elections occur May 11, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.