

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Sister Cities Commission**

6:30 PM
May 11, 2021

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:
Stephanie Angula
Shari Gehrke
Wei Geiger
Ryan Opitz
Charlee Roundhill
Heather Stapf

Youth Board Representatives:
Nathan Beh (*Absent*)

Administrative Staff:
Tina Eggers, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

- a) Commission Membership

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 PM.

- b) Welcome New Commissioner Wei Geiger

- c) Annual Election of Positions

The positions were filled as follows:

- Co-Chairs: Stephanie Angula and Ryan Opitz
- Secretary: Charlee Roundhill

Effective May 11, 2021 through April 30, 2022

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of April 13, 2021

The minutes were APPROVED as presented by unanimous consent.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS – None.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- a) **2021 Work Plan and Next Steps, (D)**

- Coffee with Commission Zoom events
 - Commissioner Gehrke to reach out to Sunndal and Commissioner Angula
 - Chefchaouen contacts to suggest meeting dates and preferred times.
- Pen Pals Project
 - Commissioner Angula to connect with Youth Rep for school contacts and
 - Commissioner Stapf to connect with Youth Board Advisor via email.
- Connect with other local cities - Norwegian Sister Cities

- Commissioner Opitz to reach out via email to reestablish contacts with local connections to see if there is room for partnership, gain insight, inspiration, and/or joint meetings.
- Central Contact List
 - Former commission member compiling, Commissioner Stapf to follow-up.
- MOUs
 - Commissioner Opitz sending an MOU for both sister cities to Clerk Eggers for presentation in next month's packet.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parking Lot – None.

Other Announcements:

- Mayor hosting a meeting, June 22, with all commission chairs. Sister Cities Co-Chairs to attend.
- Commissioner Angula to connect with new member for onboarding.
- Clerk Eggers will schedule orientation, OPMA training, with newest member for 6:00 PM, June 8.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.