

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Sister Cities Commission

6:30 PM
August 10, 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:
n/a

Administrative Staff:
Tina Eggers, Chief of Staff

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of June 8, 2021

The minutes were APPROVED as presented by unanimous consent.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS – None.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- a) **Planning Virtual Reunion with Sunndal, Norway, (A)**

Virtual reunion details were finalized for 8/18 9AM PT via Microsoft Teams. Purpose of the reunion is to re-establish regular contact and touch-base. Mayor Pauly to attend.

- b) **Welcoming Week Update and Potential Next Steps, (A)**

Planning in process for September 10-19, 2021. Commissioner Angula met with planning committee to learn about options to support and participate as a commission at the Friday September 17 event. Sister Cities Commission to attend.

REPORTS

- a) **Youth Board** – Commissioner Stapf met with Cathy Jones, staff liaison to the City's Youth Advisory Board, to learn more about priorities and interest in partnership. The Board is currently in recess due to summer break but ready to partner once school begins. Commission to draft a paragraph to provide an overview of the Sister Cities Commission. Cathy Jones also noted that the Board participates in Welcome Week.
- b) **City Report** – Chief of Staff Eggers informed the Board that the City has reduced services to Tuesdays and Thursdays, reinstated the mask policy regardless of vaccinations. New employees must be vaccinated as a condition of employment. Virtual meetings will continue until further notice.

- c) **Association Update** – Commissioner Geiger researched upcoming events through Sister Cities International. At this point in time there are no updates for events, funding opportunities, etc.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) **Upcoming Meetings** – Commission to hold its next 3 meetings (September, October, November) on the second Wednesday of the month, at 6:30PM. Commission to discuss the December meeting at a later date.
- b) **Salmon Days** – Although the Commission is not hosting a booth this year, the City's booth will need volunteers and is an opportunity for commission members to participate.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.