

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Sister Cities Commission

6:30 PM
 July 13, 2022

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

Catalina Beasley-Martin, Secretary
 Emily Royce
 John Girt
 Shari Gehrke
 Stephanie Angula, Co-Chair
 Ryan Opitz, Co-Chair

Youth Board Representatives:

Sanvi Madan

Administrative Staff:

Tina Eggers, Chief of Staff

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of May 11, 2022 were approved as presented by unanimous consent.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Issa-Ka Luminary Bay, resident, introduced herself and expressed interest in joining the Commission and volunteering for her community. (Co-Chairs will provide more information regarding recruitment schedule.)

REGULAR BUSINESS

- a) Welcome & Introductions
 - A brief history of the Sister Cities Commission was provided for new members.
 - Newest commissioners Emily Royce and John Girt introduced themselves; other members did the same.
- b) Welcome Week
 - The Commission is invited to participate at the upcoming annual event in September. More details about to be shared at next meeting.
- c) Young Artist Competition
 - A recap of the Sister Cities International 2022 Young Artists and Authors Showcase (YAAS) was provided.
 - Local winner Mya Mendiola will be recognized at the Aug. 1 City Council meeting. Several commissioners plan to attend.
 - Arts Commission meets on August 8, 2022 virtually. Co-Chairs will attend to thank them for their partnership on this project. [Note: August meeting has since been cancelled. Follow up will now occur by email.]
 - The YAAS theme for 2023 will be released in this Fall. The Commission looks to partner with the Arts Commission again on this project.

- d) Salmon Days Festival
- A commission booth is not planned for this year's October 1-2 festival, however, there may be other volunteer opportunities for those interested.
 - Future year planning efforts will be included as part of the Commission's upcoming work plan discussions.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reports – The reports section on the agenda has been removed. This section may be reinstated if/when sub-committees are formed so monthly reports can be given.

Recent Japan Delegation Visit – Co-Chair Opitz and Eggers recently meet with a delegation from Japan Local Government Center (JLGC.org) as part of their travel to Issaquah to learn more about municipal government services.

Appreciation Event of July 26, 2022 – Commission members (present and past) are invited to attend Concerts on the Green. Appreciation gifts will be available for pick up prior to the concert. Other community events this day:

- Chalk Art Festival, Theme: "Happy Birthday Issaquah - Looking Great at 130!"
- Resource Fair
- Time Capsule display

Meeting of September 14, 2022 – A councilmember is anticipated to attend our meeting. (Note: Eggers will be out of town this meeting date; another staff member will be asked to attend in her place.)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.