

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH**  
**Sister Cities Commission Special Meeting**

5:30 PM  
 November 7, 2022

Meeting

**MINUTES**

**COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

*Commissioners:*

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

*Administrative Staff:*

Tina Eggers, Chief of Staff

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of August 10, 2022 were approved as presented by unanimous consent.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS** – None.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

- a) Interview with Lucy Bentsen, California Polytechnic State University
  - Ryan met with Lucy Bentsen and gave overview of commission and its function.
- b) Utility Box Artwork Selection Update
  - Wrap has been placed on utility box at W. Lake Sammamish/Fall City Road.
  - Recommend small celebration – ribbon cutting and photo opportunity.
- c) Mayor's Travel Plan
  - Tacoma's SCC is expected to have more information available in December.
  - Rough dates for travel are currently Jun-Jul 2023.
- d) Sunndal Connect Ideas
  - As plans progress, will include this item in work plan for 2023.
- e) Sister Cities International (SCI)
  - John will begin viewing this site frequently to report back information.
  - SCI's YAAS 2023 Showcase Theme announced: Peace by Piece, Food Security in my Community.

- f) Community Connection Interest
  - Community involvement; Arts Commission Film Festival; Report back as commission members attend events
- g) Arts Commission Grant Process
  - Grant process will begin soon. Commission will plan to submit application.
- h) Annual Retreat
  - Tentative date Feb. 1, 2023, 5-8 PM.

**OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a) Parking Lot: Citizens Travel Assistant; Ordering Shirts; Pen Pal program; Name badges.
- b) Attendance: John will not make May/Jun meetings to due personal travel plans.
- c) Next meeting: January 11, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.