

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH**  
**Sister Cities Commission**

6:30 PM  
 February 7, 2024

**MINUTES**

Tibbetts Manor  
 750 17th Avenue NW

**COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

*Commissioners:*

Carole Noel (?)  
 Diana Fleming  
 Emily Royce  
 John Girt  
 Ryan Opitz  
 Shari Gehrke (*Excused Absence*)  
 Stephanie Angula  
 Wendy Pickering

*Youth Board Representative:*

Sanvi Madan (*absent*)

*Administrative Staff:*

Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) Minutes of Jan. 10, 2024

There being no objection, the Minutes of Jan. 10, 2024 were APPROVED as presented.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

None.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

- a) Recruitment Effort & Interviews, (D)

Recruitment has yet to go live. [Note: Recruitment will begin mid-February. Interviews to occur in March. Mayor's appointment w/Council confirmation in April. Terms become effective May, 1, 2024.]

- b) 2024 Work Plan, (A)

- Discussion regarding important cultural dates, potential proclamations, distribution to communications team for social media use. Commissioner Girt will prepare a proposal for future meeting.
- Desire for contact lists with official sister cities, contact list for Moroccan relief project, and outreach to Norwegian community. Commissioner Pickering will lead International Outreach Team Subcommittee if formed.
- Interest in Welcoming Week – Commissioner Pickering will reach out to City Clerk Gieser.

- c) Annual Report to City Council, (D)

Co-Chair Angula will create an outline and talk with Chief of Staff Eggers about getting on Council calendar.

- d) Engaging Arts Commission, (D)

Report out on efforts to partner w/Arts Commission for 1) YAAS project rating, 2) Hosting Moroccan Artists.

## **REPORTS**

- a) YAAS Subcommittee Update, (I)

- b) Update on Moroccan Relief Effort, (I)

Co-Chair Angula reported out first container shipped w/distribution likely the second week of May. [Note: distribution date subject to change.]

## **OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a) Next Meeting Date: March 13, 2024, located in the Coho Room, 2nd floor of City Hall, 130 E. Sunset Way.
- b) April Meeting Date: Possible change from April 10 to April 17 due to the Islamic holiday Eid al-Fitr.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.