

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
Sister Cities Commission**

6:30 PM  
April 17, 2024

**MINUTES**

Coho Room,  
130 E. Sunset Way

**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 (*Excused Absence*)

*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 March 13, 2024 – No action taken.

Review and approval of March minutes to be considered at future meeting.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS** – None.

**REPORTS**

- a) **Mayor's Appointments**

Chief Eggers updated the Commission on about regarding interview process and recommendations to Mayor. Six interviews were conducted. For those appointed, terms begin May 1. Additionally, a Mayor's Welcome Forum will be held June 25 for new members, Commission chairs are encouraged to attend in support.

- b) **Youth Advisory Board Update** – No report.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

- a) **Moroccan Earthquake Relief Update, (I)**

Chief Eggers shared that the first shipping container arrived in port. The second shipping container under new shipping management company, has been filled with Issaquah community donations and refurbished computers. This container has been picked up by the shipping company and is in process to Morocco. Mayor Pauly planning to travel (June 9-14) to be present for distribution of donations.

**b) YAAS 2024 Update & Next Steps, (I)**

The Subcommittee reported that 10 submissions were received, some disqualified due to restrictions (age, school or residential status). Deadline to submit to Sister Cities International is May 1, 2024. The Subcommittee is reviewing options for honoring students during summer and will report more at next meeting.

**c) Community Outreach Draft Presentation Update, (D)**

Commissioner Flemming asked for presentation support regarding upcoming meetings w/Kiwanis on May 22 @ Noon and Rotary on June 18 @ 5:30 PM.

**d) Arts Commission Funding Request Update, (I)**

Chief Eggers recently attended Arts Commission meeting, seeking funding in support of Salmon Days visiting artists. Arts Commission will consider the request at their May meeting.

**e) Welcoming Week Update, (D)**

Chief Eggers reported that Issaquah Welcomes You event is tentatively scheduled for September 6, 2024. The Commission has been a past participant.

**f) Work Plan Format, (I)**

Chief Eggers presented new tool for capturing annual work plan items for all boards and commissions; recently presented to City Council. A working draft will be uploaded to OneDrive.

**OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS****a) Sister Cities International Events**

- All Americas Summit, May 28-31 San Antonio Texas
- Annual Business Meeting, July 19, Washington State
- Youth Leadership Summit, Aug. 5-9, Washington DC

**b) Next Meeting Date: May 8, 2024.****ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 PM.