

City of Clearwater

*Main Library - Council Chambers
100 N. Osceola Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33755*



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 25, 2024

4:00 PM

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Sister Cities Advisory Board

Rollcall

Present 5 - Board Member Robert Kantor, Board Member Lina Teixeira, Board Member Stephanie Chill, Board Member Melinda Bacon, and Board Member Indira Yengera

Also Present – Amber Brice – Arts and Cultural Affairs Coordinator and Nicole Sprague – Deputy City Clerk

1. Call To Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 Approve the minutes of the April 11, 2024 Special Sister Cities Board Meeting.

Board Member Teixeira moved to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2024 Sister Cities meeting as submitted in written summation. The motion was duly 2nd and carried unanimously.

3. Citizens to be Heard Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

4. New Business Items

4.1 Meeting with New Mayor of Ixmiquilpan, Mexico

Arts and Cultural Affairs Manager Amber Brice said the Mayor Elect of Ixmiquilpan, Mexico traveled to Clearwater. They spoke about possible teacher and student exchanges as well as requested assistance in acquisition of medical equipment. It was said that staff would put the Mayor Elect in touch with a non-profit group regarding the medical supplies.

In response to a question, Ms. Brice said Council was invited to attend the closing ceremonies of their summer camp.

4.2 Orientation Presentation for Clearwater Delegation to Nagano, Japan

Ms. Brice provided a PowerPoint presentation on the upcoming trip to Nagano, Japan scheduled for October 8-18, 2024. In response to questions, Ms. Brice provided travel suggestions and cultural insights for a successful trip.

5. Old Business Items

6. Director's Report

Board Member Stephanie Chill said the middle school exchange recap will be August 28, 2024 at 6:30.

7. Board Members to be Heard

Board Member Indira said high school students participated in Japanese school activities while being hosted there.

Board Member Bacon said the Clearwater Arts Alliance is coordinating an exhibition of Japanese art in conjunction with the upcoming delegation trip and said the Historical Society is looking for items that have been received in the past years from the relationship with Nagano.

Board Member Kantor said it is important to understand Japanese etiquette when visiting.

In response to a question, Ms. Brice said the next scheduled meeting will be cancelled.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Chair - Sister Cities Advisory Board

Attest:

Board Reporter