

**SISTER CITY ADVISORY BOARD
MOTION SUMMARY
January 12, 2021**

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL

The Sister City Advisory Board Meeting met virtually through Cisco Webex and was called to order by Chairman Guebert at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Darrell Albon, Julie Horvath, Karen Waselko and Franz Gruber, and Chairman Rand Guebert

Members Absent: Mayor Carolyn Kay Riggle and Vice-Chairwoman Colleen Rush

Motion to Excuse: Mr. Albon motioned to excuse Mayor Riggle and Vice-Chairwoman Rush, seconded by Mr. Gruber. Motion approved by a 5-0 vote.

ITEM 2. WELCOME New Board Members – Franz Gruber and Karen Waselko

Chairman Guebert provided his gratitude towards former member Julie Means and recognized the work she did on the board. He welcomed the new members to the board.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary of the Sister City Advisory Board meeting held on October 13, 2020, as recorded and transcribed.

Motion: Ms. Horvath moved to approve the Motion Summary of the Sister City Advisory Board meeting held on October 13, 2020, as recorded and transcribed, seconded by Mr. Albon. Motion failed by a 3-0-2 (Gruber and Waselko) vote.

ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comment.

ITEM 5. UPDATE on Sister Cities

A. Baumholder, Germany

Chairman Guebert discussed that he had no new update with Ohio Wesleyan Soccer Coach, Dr. Jay Martin. He explained that the team is scheduled to travel over to Baumholder this summer to celebrate the 30th anniversary. He discussed seeing if there would be an interest from members of the board or city officials to attend. Ms. Horvath discussed the difficulty planning international travel due to the restrictions related to COVID-19. Mr. Albon to follow up with Dr. Martin to determine their plans at this time. Mr. Gruber shared his experiences meeting with

members of the Baumholder delegation. The Clerk discussed past efforts to set up a virtual call with Baumholder, but have been unable to due to issues related to COVID-19 and a outbreak experienced by many officials in Baumholder.

B. Sakata, Japan

Chairman Guebert and the Clerk reviewed the virtual call that was held with officials in Sakata in December 2020. The Clerk discussed the request by Sakata to look at expanding the exchange program to include the high school. A video was shared by the Clerk that was received from students of Sakata on different places of interest in the city. The board discussed starting out with more of a virtual pen pal relationship. Ms. Horvath discussed efforts to reach out with officials of the school district to start conversation of including the high school. Also discussed was the Global Scholarship Program.

C. Lahardane, Ireland

Ms. Horvath discussed that the Hayes High School wrestling team was suppose to travel to Lahardane this past summer and due to COVID-19 the trip has been tentatively rescheduled. She discussed fundraising efforts that took place to assist the members of the team to afford the travel cost.

D. Maria Auxiliadora, Paraguay

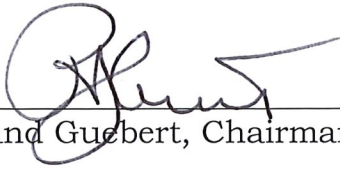
Chairman Guebert discussed that he would like to invite to the April meeting the Rotary exchange student that was in Paraguay.

ITEM 6. MEMBER COMMENTS

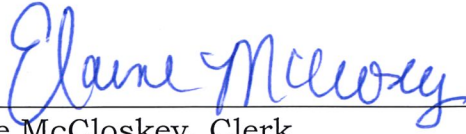
Chairman Guebert discussed needing to look back at starting the 501C3 and hoping to meet with the Greater Columbus Sister City once able with the easing of COVID-19 restrictions.

ITEM 7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Ms. Horvath moved to adjourn the Sister City Advisory Board Meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



Rand Guebert, Chairman



Elaine McCloskey, Clerk