

**CITY OF DELAWARE  
SISTER CITY ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY VIA CISCO Webex \*\*  
January 12, 2021  
6:00 P.M.**

**AGENDA**

1. ROLL CALL
2. WELCOME New Board Members – Franz Gruber and Karen Waselko
3. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary for the meeting held on October 13, 2020, as recorded and transcribed.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS  
Due to the meeting being held virtually, public comment, less than 500 words is requested to be received by 3 p.m. before the meeting through email at [emccloskey@delawareohio.net](mailto:emccloskey@delawareohio.net). To request to make a public comment virtually please email [emccloskey@delawareohio.net](mailto:emccloskey@delawareohio.net) by 3 p.m. prior to the meeting. Comments received on Facebook may have to be addressed by staff subsequent to the meeting.
5. UPDATE on Sister Cities
  - a. Baumholder, Germany
  - b. Sakata, Japan
  - c. Lahardane, Ireland
  - d. Maria Auxiliadora, Paraguay
6. MEMBER COMMENTS
7. ADJOURNMENT

\*\* This meeting will be a virtual meeting. Residents are encouraged to view online through the City of Delaware Facebook page. To comply with the CDC recommendation prohibiting group meetings, no in person attendance by Council, staff, or the public will be available.

**SISTER CITY ADVISORY BOARD  
MOTION SUMMARY  
OCTOBER 13, 2020**

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 (arrived at 6:02 p.m.), Julie Means, Mayor Carolyn Kay Riggle, Vice-Chairwoman Colleen Rush and Chairman Rand Guebert

Chairman Guebert discussed the recent resignation of founding Sister City Advisory Board member Rita Selle-Grider and thanked her for service and work on the board throughout the years.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary of the Sister City Advisory Board meeting held on January 14, 2020, as recorded and transcribed.

**Motion:** Vice-Chairman Rush moved to approve the Motion Summary of the Sister City Advisory Board meeting held on January 14, 2020, as recorded and transcribed, seconded by Ms. Horvath. Motion approved by a 6-0 vote.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comment.

ITEM 4. UPDATE on Sister Cities

A. Baumholder, Germany

Chairman Guebert discussed the plans for the Ohio Wesleyan University soccer team to visit Baumholder in 2021. The Clerk provided recent correspondence with Baumholder and their desire to look at having an exhibition in 2022. Chairman Guebert discussed having a virtual call set up to touch base and discuss how COVID-19 has impacted each other and renew discussions on upcoming events.

B. Sakata, Japan

Chairman Guebert discussed that due to COVID-19 the Ken Domon exhibit as been put on hold. He discussed the hopes that when the effects of the pandemic settle down that the discussion of having the art exhibit in a future date. Chairman Guebert discussed having a virtual call set up to touch base and discuss how COVID-19 has impacted each other.

C. Lahardane, Ireland

Vice-Chairman Rush provided an update on Ireland and that there are plans to have the wrestling team and soccer team potentially visit in 2021 since the 2020 trip had to be canceled. She discussed how COVID-19 has affected the Country as they depend heavily on tourism.

D. Maria Auxiliadora, Paraguay

Mayor Riggle discussed communications with the Paraguay Embassy and that she was informed that since March of 2020 their economy has also suffered because of COVID-19. Chairman Guebert discussed having the Rotary Exchange Student that was in Paraguay attend a future meeting.

ITEM 5. DISCUSSION on 501C-3 Transition

Chairman Guebert discussed reengaging this discussion at the start of 2021 and that the current COVID issues make it difficult to move forward and work with surrounding communities on partnership.

ITEM 6. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Albon discussed that Ohio Wesleyan University has awarded their new scholarship to a student from Paraguay and that this student is expected to arrive in January 2021.

ITEM 7. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Vice-Chairwoman Rush moved to adjourn the Sister City Advisory Board Meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

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Rand Guebert, Chairman

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Elaine McCloskey, Clerk