

**CITY OF DELAWARE
SISTER CITY ADVISORY BOARD
October 13, 2015
6:00-7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AGENDA**

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the Motion Summaries of the Sister City Advisory Board meetings held April 14 and July 14, 2015, as recorded and transcribed.
3. Functionality of Sister City Relationships
4. Global Scholars Program Update
5. Sister City Updates:
 - a. Baumholder, Germany
 - b. Arequipa, Peru
 - c. Sakata, Japan
 - d. Omutninsk, Russia
6. Sakata Delegation Visit (October 31-November 4) Update
 - a. 2016/2017 Return Visit
7. Date of next meeting: October 13
8. Adjournment

**SISTER CITY ADVISORY BOARD
MOTION SUMMARY
April 14, 2015**

ITEM 1. Roll Call

Chairman Guebert called the Sister City Advisory Board meeting to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Hong Nguyen, Luke Powers, Will Kopp, Dan Bartha, Councilman Andrew Brush, Mayor Carolyn Riggle and Chairman Rand Guebert

Members Absent: Rita Selle-Grider

Motion to Excuse: Mayor Riggle moved to excuse Ms. Selle-Grider, seconded by Ms. Nguyen. Motion approved by a 7-0 vote.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary of the Sister City Advisory Board meeting held on January 13, 2015, as recorded and transcribed.

MOTION: Mr. Bartha moved to approve the Motion Summary of the Sister City Advisory Board meeting held on January 13, 2015, seconded by Mayor Riggle. Motion approved by a 7-0 vote.

ITEM 3. Date of next meeting: July 14

ITEM 4. City Status Updates:

a. Baumholder, Germany

Chairman Rand stated that Peter Lang, former mayor of Baumholder, Germany, continues to be involved in keeping a sister city relationship with the City of Delaware. Mr. Lang stated that the high school will be closing and that he will be investigating potential other schools nearby to arrange for an exchange student program. Chairman Guebert predicts that the school exchange will be temporarily stopped until a new school location is established. Chairman Guebert discussed that in the conversation with Mr. Lang, it was requested to have Mr. Lang's administrative assistant come visit Delaware, and to observe the administrative process in Delaware. Chairman Guebert plans to issue Mr. Lang an invitation for his assistant to visit.

b. Arequipa, Peru

Chairman Guebert had a conversation with Mr. Patricio Plazolles regarding a potential sister city relationship with the City of Delaware.

Mr. Plazolles will be visiting Arequipa in May and will follow up on the current status.

c. Sakata, Japan

Chairman Guebert stated that city administration has sent a letter to Sakata and are awaiting a response back. Chairman Guebert explained that Sakata has plans to visit Dempsey Middle School in October 2015.

d. Omutninsk, Russia

Chairman Guebert indicated that Ms. Elena Lubernets recently made contact with a local high school teacher in Omutninsk. This teacher will be discussing with colleagues subjects that may be of interest to those educators on a sister city relationship. Chairman Guebert recommended that Ms. Lubernets continue with the conversation and reaching out with Omutninsk to help establish a potential relationship.

ITEM 5. Advisory Board Development

a. Global Scholars Diploma

Mr. Bartha reviewed the Columbus Council of World Affairs Global Scholars Diploma program. Mr. Bartha stated that Hayes High School is interested in having a partnership in the program. Mr. Bartha indicated that there will be a meeting on April 14, 2015 with staff from the Delaware City School District, Hayes High School, and the Director of the Columbus Council of World Affairs to discuss the program and associated fees.

b. "Sustainability" as a common sister city theme

Chairman Guebert discussed the theme of "Sustainability" to connect with other sister cities. Chairman Guebert indicated that Ms. Kerr with the Economic Development Department will be assisting the Sister City Advisory Board. Chairman Guebert would like to have a slide show presented at the July meeting to show how the sister cities connect with the City of Delaware. Mr. Brush would like to have a display or print out from the presentation that identifies where the sister cities are located and a brief description of the cities. Chairman Guebert would like to provide more awareness of the relationships with sister cities to residents.

ITEM 6. Adjournment

Ms. Nguyen informed the Board that she will be stepping down from her position.

MOTION: Mayor Riggle moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Brush.
The Sister City Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Rand Guebert, Chairman

Elaine McCloskey, Clerk

**SISTER CITY ADVISORY BOARD
MOTION SUMMARY
July 14, 2015**

ITEM 1. Roll Call

Chairman Guebert called the Sister City Advisory Board meeting to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Will Kopp, Councilman Andrew Brush, Mayor Carolyn Riggle and Chairman Rand Guebert

Members Absent: Rita Selle-Grider and Dan Bartha

Chairman Guebert indicated that Mr. Powers resigned from the Sister City Advisory Board. Chairman Guebert introduced Alejandra Miller and Erin Teets who are considering serving as Board members.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary of the Sister City Advisory Board meeting held on April 14, 2015, as recorded and transcribed.

Vote for approval of the Motion Summary of the Sister City Advisory Board meeting held on April 14, 2015 did not occur due to lack of quorum.

ITEM 3. Date of next meeting: October 13

ITEM 4. Global Scholars Program Update

Chairman Guebert stated that due to personnel changes in Delaware City School the program is expected to be on hold for a year.

ITEM 5. OWU Recognition

Chairman Guebert provided an update on a recent meeting held with Mr. Kopp to discuss how to reach out to the faculty at Ohio Wesleyan University and to utilize the expertise that faculty members have on the cultures of the cities. Chairman Guebert plans to determine the interest that Delaware City School faculty has to work alongside the OWU faculty.

ITEM 6. City Status Updates:

a. Baumholder, Germany

Chairman Guebert stated that the Mayor of the district, Peter Lang, is making arrangements for his assistant, Jessica Jung to visit for two weeks in the spring of 2016. Ms. Jung would like to focus on tourism

during her visit. Chairman Guebert discussed the impending closure of the high school in Baumholder, and that Mr. Lang is looking at alternative schools to continue the student exchange program.

b. Arequipa, Peru

Chairman Guebert stated that Mr. Patricio Plazolles continues on his visit to Arequipa, Peru and that he plans to meet upon Mr. Plazolles return.

c. Sakata, Japan

Chairman Guebert indicated that 24 students will visit Dempsey Middle School from October 30, 2015 thru November 4, 2015.

d. Omutninsk, Russia

Chairman Guebert stated that in a recent email communication with a high school educator in Omutninsk that he has received a video of the high school but that he is unable to upload the contents of the video.

ITEM 7. PowerPoint Presentation

Chairman Guebert shared a PowerPoint Presentation. Included in the presentation was a map location of current and potential sister cities, as well as information on each city.

A discussion and recommendations were made on potential changes and improvements to the presentation.

ITEM 8. Annual Report Discussion

Mr. Guebert read into the record the draft Delaware Sister City Advisory Board, 2nd Annual Report.

The Board recommends that the report emphasize the goal for OWU and Delaware City Schools faculty to work alongside the Sister City Advisory Board.

ITEM9. Adjournment

The Sister City Advisory Board Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Rand Guebert, Chairman

Elaine McCloskey, Clerk

Date