SISTER CITY ADVISORY BOARD
MOTION SUMMARY
January 12, 2016

ITEM 1. Roll Call
Chairman Guebert called the Sister City Advisory Board meeting to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Will Kopp, Alejandra Miller, Erin Teets, Mayor Carolyn Riggle and Chairman Rand Guebert

Members Absent: Dan Bartha, Rita Selle-Grider, Councilmember Jones

Staff Present: Tom Homan, City Manager

Motion to Excuse: Mayor Riggle moved to excuse Mr. Bartha, Ms. Selle-Grider, and Councilmember Jones, seconded by Mr. Kopp. Motion approved by a 5-0 vote.

ITEM 2. Election of Chairman
Motion: Mayor Riggle moved to nominate Mr. Guebert as Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kopp. Motion approved by a 5-0 vote.

ITEM 3. Election of Vice-Chairman
Motion: Mayor Riggle moved to nominate Mr. Kopp as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Ms. Teets. Motion approved by a 5-0 vote.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary of the Sister City Advisory Board meetings held on October 13, 2016, as recorded and transcribed.
Motion: Mayor Riggle moved to approve the Motion Summary of the Sister City Advisory Board meetings held on October 13, 2015, as recorded and transcribed, seconded by Ms. Miller. Motion approved by a 5-0 vote.

ITEM 5. Introduction of Tim Sword, President, Columbus Sister City International

PRESENTORS:
Tim Sword
1505 Front St.
Suite 220
Columbus Ohio

James Sisto
81 South 5th St.
Columbus, Ohio

Mr. Sword discussed the role of the Columbus Sister City International and members that are part of the non-profit organization. Mr. Sword discussed the opportunities that are provided with the different sister city relationships.

Mr. Sisto provided a history of the Columbus Sister City International and provided information on the ten sister city relationships in Columbus.

ITEM 6. Report on November Visit of Delegation from Sakata, Japan
Mr. Homan provided an update on the visit of delegation from Sakata, Japan. Mr. Homan discussed future plans for the City of Delaware to visit Sakata, Japan.

ITEM 7. Possible Return Visit to Sakata, Japan in 2017
a. Who
b. Financing ($2K/person)
c. Interim Follow-up

Chairman Guebert recommended that staff determine a month to visit, and provide the City of Sakata the information, so that they may start planning and preparing for the visit. Chairman Guebert recommended that the Board discuss in more detail a time frame for the visit to put a proposal together for Council.

ITEM 8. Global Scholars Program Update
Chairman Guebert stated that Delaware Hayes High School plans to begin the program in the 2016-2017 school year. Ms. Teets volunteered to work as a liaison for the Sister City Advisory Board and the students at Delaware Hayes High School.

ITEM 9. Involvement with Rotary Clubs
Chairman Guebert discussed the involvement that he and Mr. Homan have with the Rotary Club. Chairman Guebert plans to make contact with the Rotary Club in Sakata.

Chairman Guebert discussed the idea of a Rotary Summer-Exchange Program.

ITEM 10. Other Sister City Updates:
a. Omutninsk, Russia
Mayor Riggle recommended that a group of students at Delaware Hayes High School attempt to start communication with students in Omutninsk, Russia online. Ms. Miller expressed interest in helping the student's to make contact.

b. Baumholder, Germany
Chairman Guebert introduced to the Board, Baumholder Exchange Student, Ceres Fisher.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
Ceres Fisher
86 W. Lincoln Avenue
Delaware, Ohio

Ms. Fisher discussed her plans to return home.

Chairman Guebert indicated that the Ohio Wesleyan University Soccer Team will be visiting Baumholder in August.

c. Arequipa, Peru
Ms. Miller provided background information to her father's life in Peru.

Chairman Guebert indicated that there has been no response from city administrators in Arequipa, Peru.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
Patricio Plazolles
2769 State Route 203
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Plazolles recommended that he attempt to make contact with city administration in Arequipa to determine if there is an interest. The Board was in agreement to allow Mr. Plazolles to make contact with Arequipa.

ITEM 11. Date of next meeting: April 12, 2016

ITEM12. Adjournment
Motion: Ms. Teets moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice-Chairman Kopp. The Sister City Advisory Board Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Rand Guebert, Chairman

Elaine McCloskey, Clerk