

**CITY OF DELAWARE  
SISTER CITY ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1 SOUTH SANDUSKY STREET  
JULY 12, 2016  
6:00-7:00 P.M.**

**AGENDA**

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the Motion Summary for the meeting held April 12, 2016, as recorded and transcribed.
3. Update on Global Scholars Diploma Program at Hayes
4. Short term Rotary exchange opportunities
5. Review of Rand's trip to Baumholder in April
6. Update on any preliminary planning for Sakata in 2017
7. The evolving nature of cities--some grow, most shrink
8. Discussion of Board's annual report
9. Date of Next Meeting: October 11, 2016
10. Adjournment

**SISTER CITY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MOTION SUMMARY**  
**April 12, 2016**

ITEM 1. Roll Call

Chairman Guebert called the Sister City Advisory Board meeting to begin at 6:05 p.m.

Members Present: Dan Barth, Alejandra Miller, Erin Teets, Councilmember Jones, Mayor Carolyn Riggle and Chairman Rand Guebert

Members Absent: Vice-Chairman Will Kopp and Rita Selle-Grider

**Motion to Excuse:** Mayor Riggle moved to excuse Ms. Selle-Grider and Vice-Chairman Kopp, seconded by Councilmember Jones. Motion approved by a 6-0 vote.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary of the Sister City Advisory Board meetings held on January 12, 2016, as recorded and transcribed.

**Motion:** Mayor Riggle moved to approve the Motion Summary of the Sister City Advisory Board meeting held on January 12, 2016, as recorded and transcribed, seconded by Ms. Miller. Motion approved by a 5-0-1 (Jones) vote.

ITEM 3. Global Scholars Diploma Program Update

Mr. Bartha indicated that plans for the program are to begin for 25 ninth grade students at Delaware Hayes High School. Mr. Bartha provided information regarding the program being completed at Granville City Schools for the past two years. Mr. Guebert discussed the plan for students in the program to complete international projects and that it will provide an opportunity for students to complete the project with sister city students.

ITEM 4. Planning for Visit to Sakata – Tentative Dates: April 13-22, 2017

Chairman Guebert indicated the tentative dates were a range for a potential stay and coincides with the Cherry Blossom Festival in Japan. Chairman Guebert discussed the need to determine how to create a delegation and how many will be part of the delegation. Mayor Riggle voiced her intent to travel in the delegation. Chairman Guebert recommended that Mayor Riggle oversee the delegation.

ITEM 5. Baumholder Contacts in 2016-2017

a. Visits

Chairman Guebert stated that Ohio Wesleyan University Soccer team has postponed their planned trip.

Chairman Guebert provided an election update and changes to the administration in Baumholder. Chairman Guebert stated that he will be traveling to Baumholder in the Spring and will be planning to meet with educational contacts and city administration to strengthen contacts.

b. Rotary Exchange

Chairman Guebert provided information regarding the long-term and short-term exchange program through the Rotary, and discussed that typical short-term exchanges occur during the Summer. Chairman Guebert discussed plans to meet with the Rotary in Baumholder to request an exchange between the two sisters cities.

ITEM 6. Omutninsk/Arequipa Updates

Chairman Guebert stated that there were no recent updates. Chairman Guebert discussed the benefit to use the Global Scholar Diploma Program to connect with Omutninsk and that it would help to create a politically free relationship between the students. Mr. Bartha recommended that the future advisor for the program to be a potential connection for the students.

ITEM 7. Date of next meeting: July 12, 2016

ITEM8. Adjournment

**Motion:** Councilmember Jones moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Riggle. The Sister City Advisory Board Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

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Rand Guebert, Chairman

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Elaine McCloskey, Clerk

**DELAWARE SISTER CITY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**3rd ANNUAL REPORT - DRAFT**  
**AUGUST 1, 2016**

Current Members:	Representing:
Dan Bartha	City Schools
Rand Guebert	Local citizens
Chris Jones	City Council
Will Kopp	Ohio Wesleyan University
Alejandra Miller	Local citizens
Carolyn Kay Riggle	City Council
Rita Selle-Grider	Local citizens
Erin Teets	Convention & Visitors Bureau
Vacant	Chamber of Commerce

**INTRODUCTION**

The Board has completed its third year of activity. We are gaining new insights into the kinds of sister city activities that are appropriate for a city like Delaware, and laying the foundation for regular interaction with our sister cities.

The highlight of the past year was the visit of a delegation from Sakata, Japan which allowed Delaware City Council to recognize Sakata as our third sister city.

We have continued to meet on the second Tuesday of each calendar quarter.

The following report addresses objectives the Board had at the beginning of the year and concludes with new objectives for this coming year.

**THIRD YEAR DEVELOPMENTS**

**Baumholder Objectives:**

1. Host a visit from Jessica Jung, Peter Lang's assistant, in Spring 2016.
2. Identify a new school in the Baumholder area for a student exchange in 2016-2017.
3. Follow the OWU soccer team as they visit Baumholder in summer 2016.

We did not host a visit by Jessica Jung, however, Board member, Rand Guebert, was able to visit Baumholder in April. New contacts were established in the town as well

as with the Rotary Club of Kusel. The history museum is nearing completion and will likely be dedicated in the Spring of 2017.

Mr. Guebert was able to visit the high school in the nearby city of Kusel which many Baumholder students will attend in future and meet with the principal. Discussions are underway to explore cooperation with Delaware Hayes High School (Hayes).

Due to unforeseen reasons, the OWU soccer team put off its visit to Baumholder until the summer of 2017.

**Omutninsk Objective:**

Further develop our new contacts there, especially focusing on high school teachers and students.

Since the Global Scholars Diploma program is only starting in August, 2017 at Hayes, we did not see any advance in our efforts to renew this relationship. We have to pursue this in a careful manner, and can expect further development in the coming year.

**Sakata and Arequipa Objectives:**

Utilize our "Sister City Adoption Criteria and Process" to evaluate whether we can formally adopt a relationship with these two cities.

Delaware as able to host a very successful visit by five representatives of Sakata from October 31 – November 4, 2017. A number of events were hosted in the city and county for the delegation and a sister city relationship was established. This development was facilitated by the nearly 20 year history of visits by Sakata students to Dempsey Middle School here. These regular, structured visits are an important part of a good sister city relationship.

As regards Arequipa, Peru, we did not have any new contacts during this past year. With the success of Sakata the Board believes that it is best to focus on our three current sister cities for the time being and leave Arequipa for another day.

**Global Scholars Diploma Program Objective:**

Continue to lend our support to the adoption and implementation of this program by Delaware City Schools.

The Advisory Board has continued to offer its support and Hayes plans to introduce the program with the opening of the new school year next month. The Board continues to believe that the program will contribute significantly to our sister city efforts and that Hayes students will benefit from contacts with fellow students in these cities.

### **Advisory Board Development Objective:**

Involve relevant faculty members from OWU and Delaware City Schools with each of our sister cities. Speak to more organizations in Delaware about the Sister City program.

As the Global Scholars program develops this year, there will be more opportunities to work with OWU.

### **OBJECTIVES FOR 2016-2017**

#### **Baumholder:**

1. Send group to opening of museum.
2. Support visit of OWU soccer team.
3. Support possible Rotary short term exchange.
4. Develop relationship with Kusel high school.

#### **Sakata:**

1. Send city delegation to Sakata in April.
2. Continue to support Sakata student visits to Dempsey.

#### **Omutninsk:**

1. Look for opportunity for Delaware residents to visit Omutninsk.
2. Develop contacts with the Omutninsk high school through the Global Scholars program.

#### **Global Scholars Diploma Program:**

1. Continue to support the development of this program at Hayes.
2. Offer students in the program opportunities to work with our sister city activities.