SISTER CITY ADVISORY BOARD
MOTION SUMMARY
January 8, 2019

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL

The Sister City Advisory Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Guebert at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Julie Horvath, Collen Rush, Rita Selle Grider, Darrell Albon, and Chairman Rand Guebert

Members Absent: Julie Means and Mayor Carolyn Riggle

Staff Present: R. Thomas Homan, City Manager

Motion to Excuse: Vice-Chairwoman Rush motioned to excuse Ms. Means and Mayor Riggle, seconded by Ms. Selle-Grider. Motion approved by a 5-0 vote.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary of the Sister City Advisory Board meeting held on October 9, 2018, as recorded and transcribed.

Motion: Vice-Chairwoman Rush moved to approve the Motion Summary of the Sister City Advisory Board meeting held on October 9, 2018, as recorded and transcribed, seconded by Ms. Horvath. Motion approved by a 5-0 vote.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

ITEM 4. UPDATE on Baumholder Visit

The Clerk, Elaine McCloskey, provided copies of newspapers that were sent from Baumholder on articles regarding the recent visit. Chairman Guebert discussed meeting with Bernd Mai at Rutherford B. Hayes High School and discussed having the Jr. ROTC from Hayes visiting Baumholder. He discussed writing an article for the Delaware Gazette on what Baumholder means to the City. He discussed the importance to recognize the significance of the army post in Baumholder and how we can connect the veterans locally to the post.

ITEM 5. UPDATE on Sakata

Ms. Horvath and the Clerk, Elaine McCloskey, provided an update on the upcoming 2019 art exchange.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paula Blosser
Arts Castle
22 East Winter Street
Delaware, Ohio

Ms. Blosser provided an update regarding the plan for Delaware City Schools will be having an art exchange with Sakata and all ages will be included. She discussed that the exhibit will be held at the Arts Castle in conjunction with their third grade project, in which students from the County will be invited to visit the exhibit. She anticipates having approximately 500 students from the County view the exhibit during this time and will have a piece of artwork that they can compete at the end. This exhibit will also be open to the public. She discussed the matting process and the projected cost to use the gator foam backing board at approximately $15-20 a piece of artwork. She discussed the need to have the matting be reversible, as the artwork will be shipped back to Sakata. This matting process will help to keep the shipping cost down. Ms. Horvath discussed efforts to reach out to Superintendent Craft for support of the exchange.

Ms. Horvath requested if Ohio Wesleyan University would be included in the exchange. Mr. Homan discussed the plans with Sakata would be to have a student exchange with Delaware City Schools. The theme discussed was "The City Thru the Eyes of a Child".

Vice-Chairwoman Rush discussed reaching out to past family members that sponsored an exchange student from Sakata to see if they would sponsor a piece of artwork.

Mr. Homan provided an update on the Ken Domon exhibit. He discussed the work with Erin Fletcher, Director of the Ross Art Museum, has been reaching out to contacts to help get interest on the exhibit. He discussed that the exhibit was originally hoped to occur in 2020, but due to the timeline it will be closer to 2021. He discussed that the exhibit will be displayed at three different locations Including the Ross Art Museum, Dublin Arts Council, and The Columbus Museum of Art.

ITEM 6. UPDATE on Ireland

Vice-Chairwoman Rush provided an update on a meeting with Professor Sean Kay, Ohio Wesleyan University, Ms. Horvath, and Chairman Guebert to discuss contacts that Professor Kay has in Ireland and upcoming trips. She discussed reaching out to the Ohio Wesleyan Women's Soccer Coach to discuss building a relationship with Lahardane to create a relationship like the Ohio Wesleyan Boys Soccer team has with Baumholder. She discussed plans to visit in four years to Ireland and that soccer matches will be arranged.

A group of 30 gymnasts will be traveling to Lahardane, Ireland over spring break. This team is comprised of Buckeye Valley and Hayes High School. There is a group from Hayes High School that will be attending in June. Vice-Chairwoman Rush will be attending both trips. Ms. Horvath will be attending the June trip.

ITEM 7. DISCUSSION of transition to 501c-3 status

Chairman Guebert discussed meeting with Tim Sword, Greater Columbus Sister Cities, and discussed being part of their 501c-3. Mr. Sword was unable to attend this meeting. Chairman Guebert discussed that they have a full time staff and can help provide support to the Delaware's Sister City Advisory Board. The Board voiced their support on working with Greater Columbus Sister Cities and invite Mr. Sword to the April meeting.

ITEM 8. DETERMINE board member interest in specific cities/team building

Chairman Guebert discussed forming groups to work on to support each relationship. He requested input on who would be interested in each group. Vice-Chairwoman Rush and Ms. Horvath voiced interest in supporting Lahardane. Mr. Albon discussed his past travels to Japan and would be willing to work with either Sakata or Baumholder. He discussed his working relationship with Erin Fletcher and Japanese resources at the University. Ms. Selle-Grider discussed that she is open to assist any group, but that she is from Germany and can assist with Baumholder. Chairman Guebert discussed his preference to assist with Baumholder. He discussed forming a group from people in the community to help support the program. He proposed that by April to have each member provide five names of community members to help with

ITEM 9. MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Selle-Grider questioned if there were plans to have a student exchange with Baumholder. Chairman Guebert discussed that there is no longer a German Program with the schools. He discussed the interest of the Jr. ROTC members to visit Baumholder.

Ms. Blosser questioned the inclusion of other schools in the County in the exchange program. Chairman Guebert discussed that the program is a City of Delaware program and that it mainly has been students from the Delaware City School Program. He discussed the option to explore how to provide the opportunities to other schools in the area.

ITEM 10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: April 9, 2019

ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Ms. Rush moved to adjourn the Sister City Advisory Board Meeting, seconded by Ms. Horvath. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Rand Guebert, Chairman

Elaine McCloskey, Clerk