

### Agenda Committee of the Whole

Monday, November 13, 2023 at 5:00 PM City Hall Cowles Council Chambers In-Person & Via Zoom Webinar

#### **Homer City Hall**

491 E. Pioneer Avenue Homer, Alaska 99603 www.cityofhomer-ak.gov

#### Zoom Webinar ID: 953 057829 Password: 234696

https://cityofhomer.zoom.us Dial: 346-248-7799 or 669-900-6833; (Toll Free) 888-788-0099 or 877-853-5247

#### CALL TO ORDER, 5:00 P.M.

Council Members Davis and Erickson request excusal.

**AGENDA APPROVAL** (Only those matters on the noticed agenda may be considered, pursuant to City Council's Operating Manual, pg. 6)

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

#### **DISCUSSION TOPIC(S)**

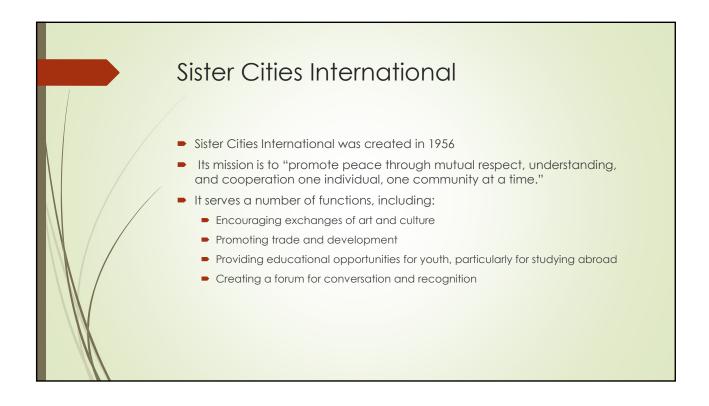
<u>a.</u> Homer-Teshio Sister City 40th Anniversary Celebration Update Dave Berry, Library Director and Presentation from Megumi Beams and West Homer Japanese Class (20 minutes)

#### **COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

#### ADJOURNMENT NO LATER THAN 5:50 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting is Monday, November 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., Work Session at 4:00 p.m. and Committee of the Whole at 5:00 p.m. All meetings scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

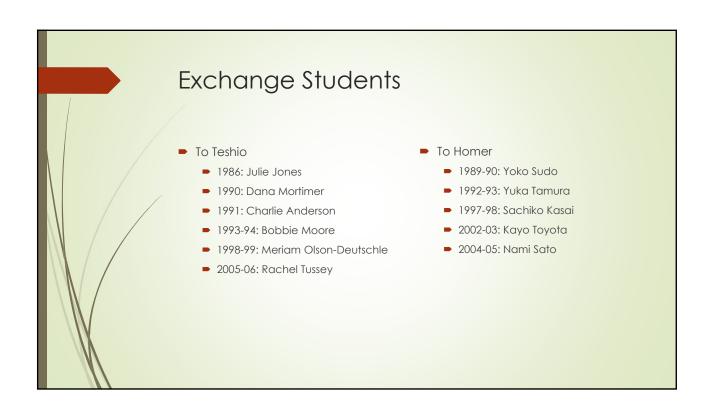




# March 28,1983: Sister City relationship established by Reso. 83-13, with unanimous approval from the City Council, Chamber of Commerce and Sister City ad hoc committee April 17, 1984: The Mayors of Homer and Teshio sign the Oath to Establish a Sistership Affiliation August 9, 2010: Ord. 10-35 appropriates \$9,900 for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration August 8, 2016: Reso. 16-080 reconfirms the Sister City relationship







## Japanese International Exchange: Projects since 2021

- Japanese class at West Homer and Paul Banks
- Online classes in Japanese and English
- Pen pal exchange
- Sakura band performed a spring concert with the Homer Youth String Orchestra Club
- Japanese tea party with handmade yunomi cups
- Friendship banners
- Online forum facilitated by the Japanese consulate in Anchorage
- Now creating cardboard taiko drums with Japanese drumsticks for performance in 2024

## Sister City Festa Annual arts and culture contest Sponsored by the Japanese consulate in Anchorage Open for submissions now through Jan. 19 Rules and more info on the City of Homer homepage



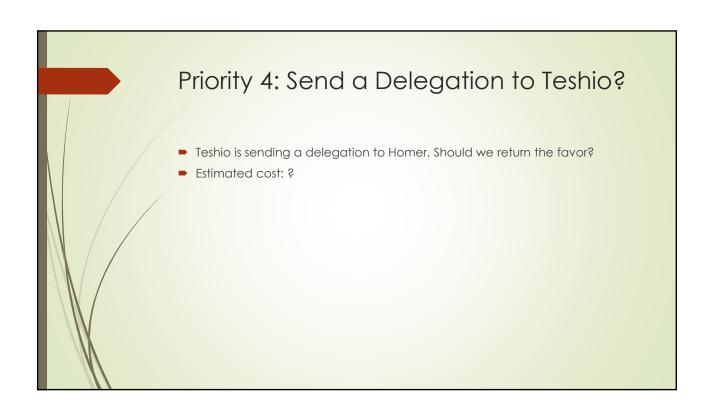


## Priority 2: Enhancing Existing Relationships

- Demonstrate that Homer values this relationship through public displays on Japanese culture, especially items donated to Homer by the people of Teshio
- Estimated cost: \$20,000
- Includes:
  - Showing items from the City's art collection at the Pratt Museum
  - Exhibit catalog for museum show
  - A drums performance by the Japanese Club
  - Refurbishing the Sister City post, formerly displayed in WKFL Park
  - Decorative banners along the roads

## Priority 3: Outreach to Homerites on Japanese Culture

- Make the celebration a yearlong event by hosting programs and inviting guests from around Alaska
- Estimated cost: \$20,000
- Includes:
  - Performance by Tomodachi Daiko on drums?
  - Monument in a public place
  - Community conversations
  - Video of the museum show





#### Thanks to Volunteers and Sponsors Thanks to everyone who has We need more volunteers and volunteered their time and effort business sponsors! If you're so far, including: interested, please contact: Dave Berry ■ The Pratt Museum ■ <u>dberry@ci.homer.ak.us</u> PARCAC **907-435-3151** Japanese International Exchange Or drop by the public library! All the members of the Sister City Committee