

Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board Meeting Action Minutes  
8.10.2022

**Advisory Board Members Present:**

Ashleigh Sumerlin  
Seiji Shiratori  
Sammy Scarpone  
Adrienne Scritsmier  
Aaron Reyna  
Tracy Sailors  
Sruthy Menon

**Staff Present:**

Erica Behler – Recreation Coordinator

**Members of the Public Present:**

Interpreter- Hanae Kaneko

AGENDA ITEM	ACTIONS
<b>CALLED TO ORDER</b>	6:03 p.m.
Minutes	Approval of 7/26/2022 Minutes- all in favor
Public Comment	N/A
Budget Update	Erica shared that the current Library Director, Shasta Sasser, is open to the idea of the sister city board becoming a sub group of the library foundation, as a way to fundraise through a non-profit organization. To explore this further, it was recommended that members of the board speak with the chair of the library foundation Bob Renfro.
Mayor Gift & Card	Erica gave a quick update about the Kaleidoclock. She said she has the clock and a card at the parks and rec admin building for folks to sign before it is sent to Japan.
Itinerary Share	<p>Erica shared that she met with her boss, Kris Ammerman and the Japanese language teacher at Wilsonville High School, Shinobu Chrisman. Shinobu recently visited Kitakata, Japan and met with several of our counterparts and city staff there. Erica also shared she had another recent meeting with Tomita San and Kaminaga San and Hanae to share a brief presentation about the upcoming visit.</p> <p>Erica shared that from those meetings, it is clear that the trip in December wants two full days in the local schools shadowing students. They also would like to have lunch in the schools on those days. The group is also interested in organizing some sort of virtual homestay program- details are a bit unclear on what this looks like, but could potentially include a meet and greet virtually before the students are here.</p> <p>Erica described an important distinction that she realized from these meetings. It has become clear through recent interaction that there are two groups in Kitakata that we are now working with. A City Hall/International Association group and a High School Group. The group coming in December is organized by the School District, not the sister city association which is why there's a big difference in ages of the students. Erica made the group aware that we need to be a bit more careful how we move forward with projects so that one group doesn't feel valued more than the other does. It was not originally made clear that the group coming in December was not part of the international/sister city association with City Hall.</p>

Board Comments	N/A
<b>ADJOURN</b>	7:30 pm