



Rochester Hills Minutes - Draft

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Sister City Committee/Rochester

*Rochester Hills: David Blair, Theresa Mungoli and David Walker
Rochester: Mark Albrecht and Ann Peterson*

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

6:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Member Mungoli called the sister City Committee/Rochester meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 4 - David Blair, Theresa Mungoli, David Walker and Mark Albrecht

Absent 1 - Ann Peterson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Albrecht, seconded by Walker, that the Agenda be Approved as Presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Blair, Mungoli, Walker and Albrecht

Absent 1 - Peterson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2021-0323 Approval of Minutes - Sister City Committee/Rochester - June 22, 2021

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes 06222021.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Blair, that the Meeting Minutes are Approved as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Blair, Mungoli, Walker and Albrecht

Absent 1 - Peterson

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Sister City Committee/Rochester Meeting held on June 22, 2021 be approved as presented.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2021-0165 2021 Items of Mutual Interest

Member Albrecht shared a copy of the City of Rochester's City Calendar with the Committee Members so that both cities are aware of public events in the Rochester area.

Member Munglioli commented that after the Committee's previous meeting, she had emailed the Mayor's Office inquiring as to calendar sharing between both cities. She read the response email from Lindsay Wood in the Mayor's Office aloud for the Committee Members to hear. She summarized that the City loves the idea of sharing information and would make sure the appropriate contacts are on the City's Press Release when there is news to share. The DPS Department openly communicates with Rochester and vice versa whenever there is road construction, water main issues and situations that would affect the borders between the cities. Public meetings are held with all parties involved for bigger projects and affected residents are included. When construction work is being done on a County Road, Oakland County coordinates with all relevant municipalities; the City has an interactive construction project map and there is a hyperlink that provides detailed information regarding all current and upcoming infrastructure projects for roads, paths, water, sewer, drains, etc. that affect both cities. The cities collaborate on grants that benefit the greater Rochester area such as Rochester's Memorial Grove Park, Older Persons' Commission and the Rochester Hills Public Library.

She continued reading that the email addressed the topic of the Memorial Day Parade ("Parade") and that while the City actively supports the Parade, it recognizes that the Rochester Chamber of Commerce coordinates it. The City hosts the Remembrance Event at Veterans Memorial Pointe and when there is a parade, it gladly coordinates timing so that everyone may participate in the Rochester Area Memorial Day Events.

She continued reading that the email stated that there is no comprehensive list of mutual aid agreements. In regard to fire services, both cities are part of the North Oakland Mutual Aid Association; the City's Building Department has mutual aid agreements with the municipalities of Shelby Township, Sterling Heights and Bloomfield Township for building inspections. She read that Rochester had not been interested in participation in the past.

Discussion ensued by the Committee Members as to how the mutual aid agreements work between municipalities because the same code book is used by all of the inspectors.

Member Munglioli concluded with the final paragraph of Ms. Wood's email that stated the City's staff department leaders are consistently involved at the state, regional and national level in forums where the City's representatives share information and collaborate with others on topics related to Parks, Clerks, Public Services, Museum, etc. She stated that Ms. Wood invited Committee Members to call her in the Mayor's Office with any further questions.

Discussion ensued as to the City's Seasonal Publication - The Hills Herald - as prepared by the Mayor's Office and **Member Albrecht** shared information about the newsletter published by the City of Rochester. It was suggested that each City could include a 'News From Our Neighbors' section in their respective publications as well as election information.

The Committee then discussed engagement with each City's local Homeowner Association groups.

Member Albrecht recalled that Member Peterson had been talking about identifying a 'champion' but did not know if there had been any results. He commented that he had spoken with Maggie Bobitz from the Rochester Chamber of Commerce about the 2019 Memorial Day Parade collaboration between the Cities and Oakland Township.

The Committee Members recalled the logistics of the 2019 Memorial Day Events and Parade Schedule.

Discussion ensued by the Committee Members as to identifying and contacting a 'champion' to fund and organize the Memorial Day Parade events for the future. **Member Walker** commented that there had been some staffing vacancies at the Chamber of Commerce but expressed his confidence that once those positions are filled and once the 2021 Hometown Christmas Parade has happened that focus could return to the 2022 Memorial Day Parade.

Member Albrecht stated he would follow up with Member Peterson as to her progress in identifying a 'champion' or sources.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- Tuesday, October 5, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, it was moved by Blair and seconded by Albrecht to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Note:

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