



Rochester Hills Minutes

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Sister City Committee/Rochester

*Rochester Hills: Susan M. Bowyer Ph.D., Ryan Deel and Dale Hetrick
Rochester: Dean Bevacqua, Paul Haig and Ann Peterson*

Monday, April 29, 2019

6:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Member Bowyer called the Sister City Committee/Rochester meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. Michigan Time.

ROLL CALL

Present 4 - Susan M. Bowyer, Ann Peterson, Dean Bevacqua and Paul Haig

Absent 2 - Dale Hetrick and Ryan Deel

Others Present:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Memorial Day Parade:

Member Peterson gave an update on the Memorial Day Parade. The flags will be put out at Mount Avon Cemetery on May 24, 2019. The Memorial Day Ceremony, Monday, May 27, 2019 begins at Mount Avon Cemetery at 8:00 a.m. and at 9:00 a.m. at Rochester Hills Veterans Memorial Pointe. The parade begins at Rochester Adams High School north to Oakland Charter Township's new Veterans Memorial. Two (2) churches in the area are offering parking for the parade. Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce ('RRCOC') is arranging cars to transport the Veterans in the parade. Oakland Charter Township, Rochester and Rochester Hills are contributing \$600.00 to the RRCOC and Potere-Modetz Funeral Home is contributing the flags.

The Committee plans to discuss and plan for Memorial Parade 2020 in September 2019. Facebook ads may have helped more people attend the parade discussion - only five people attended.

Regular Meetings to Strengthen Relationship Between Cities:

Discussion ensued among the Committee Members and plan to meet in April and September of each year. The Committee would like to set up its next meeting on Thursday, September 19th or 26th by the end of the month.

Regional Transportation:

The Committee Members discussed alternative ideas such as Uber and Older Persons' Commission ('OPC') and Oakland University bus systems. The Committee Members noted that the impact of large vehicles on community roads will cause more congestion. OPC offers shuttles for day trips to the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Detroit Opera House.

Regional Trash Hauling/Recycling:

The City of Rochester is going through the bid processes for trash services; the City of Rochester Hills currently utilizes Green For Life ('GFL') to transport the City's recycling to SOCCRA which has been beneficial. Rochester may contact Scott Cope for more details. A suggestion was made that adding free paper shredding to the services would be helpful. YouTube videos would be needed to educate the public on how to recycle and what items to recycle.

Creating a Regional Recycle Program:

The Committee discussed how Oakland County should look into providing recycling services because Oakland County has large areas in which to provide this service.

Exploration of Efficiencies Re: DPW, Police and Fire Services:

Discussion ensued about how to be more efficient between the cities. It was noted that the directors from each city do contact each other and are able to offer services to each other. The Committee Members plan to explore this topic further at the next meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS**Library Millage:**

The City of Rochester and Oakland Charter Township each have a liaison on the Rochester Hills Public Library ('RHPL') Board. Rochester Hills City Council does not direct the RHPL. The RHPL Trustees are selected from City of Rochester Hills City Residents. RHPL is independent and can set up a new millage independent of the Rochester Hills City Council. The RHPL Board presented to the Rochester City Council the need for increased funds. The City of Rochester Hills is waiting for the presentation from RHPL.

Diversion and Inclusion:

Possible updates from Rochester Hill's newest committee to Rochester City Council or the Downtown Development Authority to help them come up with some ideas to expand diversion and inclusion in Rochester.

Auburn Road Corridor:

Discussion ensued by Committee Members about setting up the new Corridor Improvement Authority ('CIA') for businesses.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- To Be Determined.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Sister City Committee/Rochester, Member Bowyer adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Notes provided by Susan Bowyer, Ph.D. and prepared by the Clerk's Office