



Rochester Hills Minutes

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Sister City Committee/Rochester

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

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

6:00 PM

City of Rochester
400 Sixth Street, Rochester, MI 48307

CALL TO ORDER

Member Mungoli called the Sister City Committee/Rochester meeting to order at 6:02 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 Blair, seconded by Albrecht, 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

2021-0406 Approval of Minutes - Sister City Committee/Rochester - August 10, 2021

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes 08102021.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

A motion was made by Albrecht, seconded by Walker, 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 August 10, 2021 be approved as presented.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2021-0165 2021 Items of Mutual Interest

Christmas Parade

Member Walker announced that the Rochester Hometown Parade is celebrating its 70th Anniversary and will be held on Sunday, December 5th and is such a significant milestone for the Rochester area. He commented further that the Grand Marshal Gala will be on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Great Oaks Country Club to celebrate Bill and Sharon Byers, the 2021 Grand Marshals of the 70th Rochester Area Hometown Christmas Parade.

Member Albrecht announced Rochester's 2021 Lagniappe/Big Bright Light Show will be held on Monday, November 22, 2021 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Official Light Up time is at 7:00 p.m.

Member Mungoli thanked Member Albrecht for providing the Committee Members with the City of Rochester's Event Calendar - July 2021 through November 2021 along with a copy of the City of Rochester 2021 Fall Newsletter.

DTE Outage Issues

Member Albrecht noted that the City of Rochester had invited DTE Representatives to attend their City Council Meetings and that at their meeting on September 27, 2021, representatives from DTE attended the meeting to participate in discussions not only about the major power outage due to storms on August 11th and 12th but also about the consistent outages that seem to be occurring in the City and Rochester Area.

Discussion ensued by the Committee Members as to issues in both cities about power outages and the effects on the area businesses, residential areas and schools. **Member Albrecht** expressed his concern for residents dependent on oxygen and medical equipment as well as the length of time it took to have the power restored in the various cities affected.

Member Mungoli expressed her concern about older residents without power may not have access to DTE's website and their frustration due to the unavailability of DTE's outage updates. Discussion continued further by the Committee Members as to how to handle similar situations in the future such as:

- Implementation of water station centers;
- Spoiled food collection truck stations;
- Compilation and sharing of outage data for both cities;
- The cost incurred for tree trimming by DTE and whether it would be a permanent 'fix' for outage issues;
- Identify the cost for a more in depth 'fix';
- Identify possible cooling/heating station locations for residents during outages; and
- Identify outage parameters, i.e. one day, two days, etc. before implementing a plan for action.

The Committee Members concluded that each Member would go back to their respective city and try to provide the Committee Members at their next meetings with the outage

data being compiled.

2021-0322 The City of Rochester, City of Rochester Hills and Oakland Township collaboration for the 2022 Memorial Day Celebration

Member Albrecht commented that unfortunately Member Peterson had not been able to make any progress in identifying a 'champion' or resources for future Memorial Day and Christmas Parades. He stated that he is in the process of identifying a source or two to have this discussion with.

Member Walker and the Committee Members discussed a couple of other possibilities and will be working on those as well.

Discussion ensued by the Committee Members about resource possibilities and 'champion(s)' within the community that would be interested in supporting the parades in the Rochester area.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Member Albrecht noted that Committee appointments are in process and his hope that he will have an additional member to attend the next Sister City Committee/Rochester meeting.

Discussion ensued by the Committee Members to continue moving forward with the discussions that have taken place at the Committee Meetings this past year.

2021-0566 Establishment of Scheduled Meetings for the Sister City Committee/Rochester for 2022

A motion was made by Albrecht, seconded by Walker, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Blair, Mungoli, Walker and Albrecht

Absent 1 - Peterson

Resolved, that the Sister City Committee/Rochester schedule meetings to be held on the first Tuesday of February, April, June, August and October at 6:00 p.m. and to continue alternating meeting locations between the City of Rochester and the City of Rochester Hills.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- Thursday, December 16, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, it was moved by Albrecht and seconded by Blair to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m.