



Rochester Hills Minutes - Draft

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Sister City Committee/Rochester

*Rochester Hills: David Blair, Theresa Mungoli, and David Walker
Rochester: Debbie Jones, Steve Sage, and Marilyn Trent*

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

6:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Member Mungoli called the Sister City Committee/Rochester meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Debbie Jones, Steve Sage, Marilyn Trent, Theresa Mungoli and David Walker

Absent 1 - David Blair

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Jones, seconded by Trent, that the Agenda be approved as Presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Jones, Sage, Trent, Mungoli and Walker

Absent 1 - Blair

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2023-0620 Approval of Minutes - Sister City Committee/Rochester - October 3, 2023

Attachments: [10032023 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

A motion was made by Sage, seconded by Jones, that this matter be Approved as Presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Jones, Sage, Trent, Mungoli and Walker

Absent 1 - Blair

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Sister City Committee/Rochester Meeting held on October 3, 2023 be approved as presented.

DISCUSSION

BRIEF HISTORY OF SISTER CITY COMMITTEE/ROCHESTER:

There was a discussion by the Members that had been serving on the Committee since it had become active again. Member Mungoli, Member Walker and

Member Trent noted the following past discussions for the benefit of the newest Committee Members, Member Jones and Member Sage:

- Reboot of the annual Memorial Day Parade
- Meeting with both cities' Parks' personnel for a discussion on managing and maintaining Rochester's and Rochester Hills' parks
- Presentations by both cities' Planning and Economic Development Departments
- Presentation by Juliane Morian, Director of the Rochester Hills Public Library
- Comparisons and appreciations of both cities' sizes and economic specialties
- Suggestions for a proposed dog park to benefit both cities
- Rochester's cannabis ballot proposal

MEETING DATES AND TIMES:

Committee Members discussed the various dates throughout the year on the designated meeting months. It was the consensus by the Committee as a whole to keep the date structure currently in place but to move the meeting time to 6:00 p.m. to accommodate some of the Committee Members that will be traveling from their daytime job sites to City Hall. It was also determined that the City of Rochester Hills would continue to host the Committee Meetings for the convenience of recording equipment set up. It was noted that the February 2024 Meeting had been moved to this earlier date (Wednesday, January 31, 2024) since Member Mungoli was going to be out of town during the February 6, 2024 scheduled meeting date. August 6, 2024 will have to be rescheduled due to the August 2024 Primary Election.

2024 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE PLAN:

Member Sage stated that he had heard the parade structure was returning to being hosted by Rochester and Rochester Hills this year. The Committee Members discussed that the parade would begin at Mount Avon Cemetery in Rochester and then process on Harding Street to Livernois; then process to the concluding Ceremony at the City of Rochester Hills Veterans Memorial Pointe. It was noted that parade participants may stop at the former Rivercrest Banquet Center to utilize transportation assistance to Veterans Memorial Pointe. Discussion ensued as to the Rochester Regional Chamber organizing the logistics, road closure as well as the fundraising and sponsorships to continue the perpetual parade funding for the future. Appreciation was expressed by the Committee Members as to the contributions made by both cities to support the annual parade event as well as Ms. Bobitz and her team organizing the annual parade.

CANNABIS PROPOSAL - CITY OF ROCHESTER:

There was a brief discussion by the Members as to the cannabis proposal to be considered by the residents of Rochester. It was noted that there was some confusion by residents of Rochester Hills who thought they could vote for or against the proposal.

SMART:

Discussion ensued by the Committee Members as to SMART Bus Services

returning to the Rochester Area Community and as to the possible routes it will be traveling round trip from Royal Oak to the Rochester Area to service bus patrons.

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS MILLAGE:

It was noted by the Committee Members that a presentation should be made to both respective City Councils regarding the millage proposal. [There was a presentation made at the City of Rochester Hills City Council Meeting on Monday, February 12, 2024 by Matthew McDaniel, Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations.]

FUTURE DISCUSSION TOPICS:

*OPC Social and Activity Center (formerly known as the Older Persons' Commission) - Renee Cortright, Executive Director
Discussion on historic districts
Paint Creek Trail
Rochester Avon Recreation Authority (RARA)
Rochester Avon Youth Assistance (RAYA)
Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce
Grant writing and assistance by lobbyists
Preservation of the former Rochester Community Schools Administration Building - 501 W. University Drive, Rochester, Michigan
Presentation by the new Superintendent of Rochester Community Schools
Consideration of dog parks and skateboard parks
Structuring, organization and fundraising for boards, commissions and committees;
encouragement of active participation and responsibilities of board members as well as succession management thereof*

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- Tuesday, June 4, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, it was moved by Member Jones and seconded by Member Sage to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m.