



Rochester Hills Minutes - Draft

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Sister City Committee/Rochester

*Rochester Hills: David Blair, Theresa Mungoli and David Walker
Rochester: Mark Albrecht, Doug Gould and Amanda Harrison*

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

5:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive,
Conference Room #130

CALL TO ORDER

Member Mungoli called the Sister City Committee/Rochester meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Mark Albrecht, David Blair, Doug Gould, Amanda Harrison, Theresa Mungoli and David Walker

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Albrecht, seconded by Blair, that the Agenda be revised to add the following two discussion topics: **2022 Memorial Day Parade Feedback** and to revise the next Committee Meeting Date due to the **2022 August Primary Election**.

Aye 5 - Albrecht, Blair, Gould, Harrison, Mungoli and Walker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2022-0275 Approval of Minutes - Sister City Committee/Rochester - April 12, 2022

Attachments: [04122022 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

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

Aye 5 - Albrecht, Blair, Gould, Harrison, Mungoli and Walker

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Sister City Committee/Rochester Meeting held on April 12, 2022 be approved as presented.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2022-0277 Plans for 2022

Joint Council Dinner Meeting:

The Committee Members discussed choosing a date for the Joint Council Dinner Meeting with both cities - Rochester and Rochester Hills while cognizant of the August Primary Election and the November General Election dates. The

Members settled on September 29 as a tentative date. Discussion ensued as to the meeting being properly noticed and posted by both cities in compliance with the Open Meetings Act and that the venue chosen would be able to accommodate attendance by members of the public wishing to attend.

Member Albrecht made a motion and it was seconded by **Member Gould** that Members Mungioli and Harrison co-chair the first annual Sister City Committee/Rochester Joint City Council Dinner and it passed unanimously.

Art Projects:

The Committee Members discussed the City of Rochester Hills City Council's recent discussions about the proposed installation of statues in the middle of the City's roundabouts. It was noted that the City of Rochester had art murals and the costs for such installations would be.

Member Harrison gave a brief overview of the City of Rochester's Beautiful Commission ("Commission") that is designated to help facilitate and raise money (i.e. Dog Wash Fundraiser and Plant Sale) to commission the proposed art work. She noted that the art survey conducted by the Paint Creek Center for the Arts surveyed members of the community and was used to help determine and commission an artist that submitted renderings that met the theme and was approved by the Commission and was then submitted to the City of Rochester City Council for approval since the City was paying for the other part of the commissioned art projects. There is an expected ten-year guaranty/commitment for a protective layer that is applied for preventative maintenance to allow graffiti etc. to be easily scrubbed off of the mural.

The Committee Members discussed affordability of murals vs. sculptures/statues.

Discussion ensued as to the size of the City of Rochester Hills and the difficulties of identifying a location for a proposed art mural, what the art work vision would be. The Committee Members discussed Lake Orion's mural process, the differences in the community's perception of what the focus of the art work should be and the resulting 'lake in the Dragon's Eye' mural.

Both Borden Park and Innovation Hills' buildings were discussed as possible mural sites. The Auburn Corridor art work was favorably complimented by the Committee Members.

Member Blair stated that he would check with the new 'create committee' that the City of Rochester Hills Parks Director is a member of to see if there would be interest in a city mural project.

2022 Memorial Day Parade Feedback:

Discussion ensued as to the great turnout and success of the parade collaboration by both cities and Oakland Township.

The following suggestions were made:

- Amendment of the parade route, perhaps returning to beginning at Rochester's Cemetery and marching down Harding Street to Rochester Hills Veteran's Pointe
- To continue the Memorial Day Parade fundraising to ensure that it continues annually
- Shade shelter and bottled water provided to the attendees during the speeches at the various venues
- Obtain community feedback at each of their respective City Council meetings
- Debrief session necessary with the Rochester Chamber of Commerce
- Begin planning for the 2023 Memorial Day Parade - to insure that it becomes an annual plan just as the Annual Hometown Christmas Parade is year after year
- Charge the Rochester Chamber of Commerce with the management of the Memorial Day Parade
- The Sister City Committee/Rochester would assist with coordination efforts, if needed.

Member Albrecht commented on the number of Veterans watching the parade in their wheelchairs along the parade route.

The Committee Members discussed their commitment to this committee and to the continuation of the Memorial Day Parade as an annual community event/remembrance.

Sharing City Events/Activities:

The Committee Members discussed each city sharing their respective city events in city newsletters and social media.

Member Blair suggested that the Committee Members write articles about the committee's activities in their respective City newsletters.

The Committee Members proposed a joint calendar with links to each cities' events and suggested that the Committee Members could sign up for both cities' calendars. **Member Mungoli** and **Member Gould** stated they would follow up on promoting both Rochester and Rochester Hills city events.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee Members discussed items for the August Meeting Agenda:

- September Joint City Councils' Dinner Meeting
- Reschedule the Committee Meeting from Tuesday, August 2, 2022 to Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- Rescheduled from Tuesday, August 2, 2022 - 5:00 p.m. to Tuesday, August 30, 2022 - 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, it was moved by Blair and seconded by Harrison to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 p.m.