



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, Marilyn Trent*

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

5:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Member Mungoli called the Sister City Committee/Rochester meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Mark Albrecht, David Blair, Doug Gould, Theresa Mungoli, David Walker and Marilyn Trent

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Albrecht, seconded by Blair, that the Agenda be Approved as Presented.

Aye 6 - Albrecht, Blair, Gould, Mungoli, Walker and Trent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2022-0387 Approval of Minutes - Sister City Committee/Rochester - June 14, 2022

Attachments: [06142022 Meeting Minutes - Corrected.pdf](#)
[06142022 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

***Member Albrecht** had a question as to the '5' under Roll Call and under the Approval of Agenda when there are six (6) Committee Members. Committee will send this back to the recording secretary for clarification and potential correction.*

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Sister City Committee/Rochester Meeting held on June 14, 2022 be approved as presented/amended.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2022-0277 Plans for 2022

Joint Council Dinner Meeting

***Member Mungoli** noted that this is the October 2022 meeting and that there is not much time to plan anything else for the end of year.*

Member Albrecht noted that this is Member Trent's first meeting as she is Member Harris' replacement. He complimented Member Trent on having a creative, marketing background and stated his confidence that she was the best replacement candidate.

Discussion ensued by Committee Members as to the Committee's history and accomplishments. It was noted that the Committee was instrumental in the momentum for the successful 2022 Memorial Day Parade and for the annual celebration and recognition of Veterans in the cities of Rochester, Rochester Hills and Oakland Township.

Member Mungoli recalled that part of the Committee's discussion during the Spring had been to plan a joint dinner between the City Council Members of Rochester and Rochester Hills. She stated that those annual events had fallen by the wayside and the Committee's intent had been to resurrect that event between the cities. Originally, the target date had been September 29, 2022 but there was concern as to the venue, transparency and the cost for a joint dinner and meeting agenda topics.

It was determined by the Committee Members to meet at Lagniappe, Monday, November 21, 2022 - around 9 p.m. - which is an annual public event, noticed on both councils' special meeting notices and enjoy a casual, 'structure free' - 'agenda free' social evening out, open to the public for observation and participation.

City Art Projects

Member Blair turned the discussion back to the Agenda - City Art Projects. He stated that Ken Elwert is the Director of Parks and Natural Resources at the City of Rochester Hills and most recently, a Pinnacle Award Recipient. He described Director Elwert's interest in art and attendance at a municipal art conference symposium in Philadelphia, PA. The following statement (as read by Member Blair) is Director Elwert's takeaway comments from the conference to be shared with the Committee:

Director Elwert stated that his biggest takeaway is that cities have a commitment to art as a baseline funding structure but use a combination of funds, public and private. Many cities have a designated development fee of 1% based on the value of the development. Director Elwert stated that he is still reaching to various communities to find out more but the smallest city he had found so far was the City of Portsmouth, Oregon with a population of 175,000. He stated that he is not sure where the 1% number came from but that it seems to be standard. He also offered to attend one of the Sister City Committee/Rochester meetings if the members were so inclined to pick his brain.

Discussion ensued by the Committee Members as to murals vs. art sculptures, the cost and marketability of either as public art projects. The discussion turned to:

- Funding of public art projects - murals, art sculptures, 3-D sidewalk art, public vs. private

- Communities need mutual agreement upon content of murals, art sculptures
- Oversight committees and/or planning council functions
- Maintenance and costs - nonprofit volunteers and funding
- Each cities' city council/planning commission experience with administration and public interest in murals
- Differences in mural/art sculpture costs/expenses
- Marketability to municipal administrations, public and nonprofit interest groups
- Identifying locations in each city for art installations
- Magical Mural Tours/Sculpture and Art Installation Tours, Grand Opening Celebrations
- Idea sharing between the cities, potential photo ops for visitors

Sharing City Events/Activities

Member Mungoli stated that the City of Rochester Hills' publication, Hills Herald is going to be ready for distribution soon. She shared that she had written about the Sister City Committee/Rochester and included the link to the City of Rochester's website in her article.

Member Albrecht discussed the City of Rochester's publication process.

Member Trent concurred that Committee Members could share information about neighboring communities in each of their respective city publications.

The Committee Members discussed various ideas for cross promotion of both cities in each of their respective city publications.

The discussion turned to each respective city's State of the City events and the impact of COVID on those gatherings.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Member Mungoli stated that for the Committee's next meeting, the Members could determine whether to continue meeting on the first Tuesday of even months, the 2023 Memorial Day plans and Dog Parks.

Member Blair excused himself for a prior commitment at 5:52 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- Tuesday, December 6, 2022 - 5:00 p.m. - City of Rochester

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, it was moved by Trent and Walker to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 p.m.