



Rochester Hills Minutes

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Sister City Committee/Rochester

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

Tuesday, June 22, 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 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Ann Peterson, David Blair, Theresa Mungoli, David Walker and Mark Albrecht

Absent 1 - Dean Bevacqua

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Blair, that the Agenda be Approved as Presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Peterson, Blair, Mungoli, Walker and Albrecht

Absent 1 - Bevacqua

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2021-0320 Approval of Minutes - Sister City Committee/Rochester - April 29, 2021

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes 04292021.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

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

Aye 5 - Peterson, Blair, Mungoli, Walker and Albrecht

Absent 1 - Bevacqua

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Sister City Committee/Rochester Meeting held on April 29, 2021 be approved as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

2021-0165 2021 Items of Mutual Interest

Discussion ensued by the Committee Members as to whether there is a list of

cooperative agreements between the City of Rochester Hills and the City of Rochester. It was noted that both cities are scanning historical documents; both fire departments and law enforcement provide mutual aid. It was suggested that the Committee Members reach out to their respective department directors to inquire about any cooperative agreements that may be in existence. It was suggested that inquiries should be made with Oakland Township for cooperative agreements as well.

Member Blair suggested that the Committee could brainstorm ways to reduce costs by purchasing items together, avoid scheduling events on the same days and come up with four or five things to coordinate and mutually benefit both cities.

Member Albrecht stated that Member Peterson suggested that the cities should strive for consistent communication with the residents.

Member Peterson added that communication about road closures, traffic and involving the school district would benefit both communities. She mentioned that both communities are surrounded by three colleges and that perhaps their events could be included in community calendars. She shared her interest in both communities collaborating on grant monies for the shared boundary, outdoor activity areas.

Discussion ensued as to the forms of media used by both cities to keep the communities informed as well as The Rochester Post and Community Lifestyles and whether there would be a way to post a calendar link to each city's calendar.

The Committee Members discussed the school district and law enforcement coordinating drug education and crime prevention programs for the communities.

Member Peterson described the 'comfort dog/therapy dog' programs being used in the schools to assist students with anxiety and stressors.

Member Mungioli reported that she had attended the Redistricting Commission Hearing in Pontiac to participate and speak on behalf of the communities of Rochester, Rochester Hills and Oakland Township staying together in the redistricting process.

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

The discussion then turned to the 2022 Memorial Day Parade and suggestions to have the City of Rochester Hills, the City of Rochester and Oakland Township collaborate on staggered times, planning and arrangements.

Member Peterson stated that she has been a resident of the community for almost 36 years and her concern that the community would lose its traditional Memorial Day Parade celebrations. She expressed her disappointment over the loss of the Rochester Heritage Festival.

Member Walker commented that once those celebrations stop, it is hard to get them started again.

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

Aye 5 - Peterson, Blair, Mungioli, Walker and Albrecht

Absent 1 - Bevacqua

Resolved, that the Cities of Rochester and Rochester Hills along with Oakland Township will work together to conduct a mutual Memorial Day Celebration for 2022 and identify a champion for the organization and execution of said celebration.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Member Mungioli announced that the Festival of the Hills will be on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at Borden Park beginning at 6:00 p.m. She cautioned that traffic will be heavy around Rochester, Avon and Auburn Roads.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- August 10, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.