

Richmond-Shimada Friendship Commission

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

---(Via Zoom Call)---

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

(Highlighted Yellow or checked Names Attended, Green highlighted indicates the commissioner is on hiatus until return to in-person meetings)

- Evan Sirchuk, Chair
- Valerie Snider, Secretary
- Maryann Maslan, Commissioner
- Jamie Brown, Commissioner
- Trina Jackson-Lincoln, Staff Liaison
- Robyn Rickansrud, Commissioner
- Arianna Rodriguez, Commissioner
- Marilyn Leon Lee (former commissioner)
- Yas Aoki, Commissioner
- Esther Takeuchi, Commissioner
- Zelda Holland, Commissioner

2. Reading and approval of minutes–

The minutes were approved as written

3. Commissioner Reports

Evan reported that he has informed Shimada Officials that a small group of commissioners plan on attending the Obi Festival in October. He also shared that Shimada Officials are sending a delegation to Richmond for two days in December. Details will be provided once received.

Jamie reported that she will send the Movie Night Festival announcement this week.

Trina reported that the City Council continues to extend the schedule to continue meeting virtually.

No other reports

4. Input on Agenda - No input

5. Important Business

- o Any update from the Japan side about movie night?
 - i. Past Notes: [Structure - New Virtual Student Exchange](#)

- Fiscal Sponsor Update
 - i. *RCF has been informed that the commission agrees with using them as a fiscal sponsor. Once finalized, will reach out to the Mayor's Office about the \$200*
- Can we meet in person?
 - i. Not possible due to the city council's 30-day virtual meeting ruling.
The City Council has voted to continue meeting virtually.
 - ii. Break out groups in person?
Yes, as long as it isn't a quorum.
- Obi Festival in October
 - i. Oct 7 is Welcome Party;
 - ii. The festival is Oct 8, 9, 10. Interested in going,
 1. pending quarantine not required: Valerie, Jamie, Ariana (Pending school schedule info in July).
 2. Perhaps mayor & city council?
Trina will follow up with the city council

6. Good of the Order/Adjournment

Evan informed the commission that Shimada published a children's book documenting the sister city relationship. Commissioners can request books to be mailed to them. Shimada has requested pics of officials reading the books to children.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm