

Sister City Minutes  
Nov. 24 2020

Present - Allison Litten, Laura Cooney, Brett Mayfield, Alicia Barrow, Joan Ponzoni, Skye Murray, Michelle Boleski

We began at 5:08pm, and approved minutes as first order of business.

Allison shared the document with the photos to send to Cenon, working on last minute additions for our Cenon friends, including a short video Alicia will send her.

We moved on to further "Sister City signs" conversation

Joan reached out to Matt, town planner. He said it is possible to have sign at municipal building (the one that includes the names of the 5 villages). He shared that it is more difficult with state signs (that are road/ highway signs) as the town does not have jurisdiction on those.

We found an error in the minutes, motion to strike sentence near the end of last months minutes that reads " Laura will be in touch with Matt regarding graphic design," motion passed.

Allison and Joan and Alicia to request a meeting with Matt about signs for more clarification. Based on that discussion we can think about connecting with HS students about help with graphic design.

We discussed having a potential student liaison. Alicia will reach out to town manager about process for including a student liaison. Mr Tarbox is working with us on connecting us with a student.

We tabled the discussion about changing our number of members from 5 to 7, noting the difficulty with online meetings.

Alicia brought up desire to bring an agenda item to a future meeting about her organization Safe Spaces , and wondering about sister city and its mission and the connection with addressing systemic racism. We spoke of the city of Cenon and its diversity and its commitment to equity and inclusion at the forefront of their community. Discussion ensued on the role of Bordeaux as major place of the slave trade in Europe, and its proximity to Cenon (Cenon being a bedroom community of Bordeaux).

Cenon has 7 sister city relationships, a sign of their commitment to international cooperation.

Motion to adjourn 5:51, passed 5:52

Next meeting will be December 15th, 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Skye Murray