



5:30 p.m. February 20, 2024

Minutes

Unless noted, all officially appointed Sister Cities representatives were in attendance.

Staff attending: Mayor Kim Lund, Deputy Administrator Janice Keller and Iris Kaneshige- Mayor's Executive Assistant

Current Sister Cities roster can be found on the City website:

[Sister Cities Advisory Board Roster - City of Bellingham, WA \(cob.org\)](https://cob.org/sister-cities)

Welcome

- Ross Greer called the meeting to order and welcomed members
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Event Reports:

- 1/27/24 New Years Celebration was a success.
 - Looking at other possible events –
 - Ski to Sea
 - Bellingham Bay Marathon
 - Combine Annual Meetings with New Year's Event
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Mayor Lund Introduced herself and vision for the Sister Cities

Gifts presented

Joy Love – presented a letter from the Mayor of Tateyama to the Mayor
Mary Hooker – presented a Punta Arenas, "Faces of Punta Arenas"

Other Old/New Business

Ideas for future events

Climate Action – Mayoral Summit

City reviewing all the gifts on display. The Museum may take some items, other items may be stored or put on display in the hallway.

International Women's Day, March 8th

Re-establish Exchange Program in High Schools

Mayor suggested inviting artists to submit artwork for the Noisy Waters Mural Festival

Mayor shared that City is working on standardizing expectations for City boards and commissions.

Members suggested involving children and story times from Bellingham Sister Cities and our library

Adjourn at 7:11 p.m.