



KITAKATA SISTER CITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, 2/11/26 at 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board was held beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 via zoom. Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m., followed by a roll call.

PRESENT

Josh Dalglish – Vice Chair
Wendy Hall
Ami Keiffer
Elliot Porter

Mike Bohlen
Teddy Russel
Sammy Scarpone
Matt Brown - Chair

ABSENT- Devan Olmstead

STAFF PRESENT- Erica Behler – Recreation Coordinator II

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Minutes

Motion: Moved to approve the January 14, 2026 Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board Minutes.
Motion made by Member Russel and seconded by Member Keiffer

Voting Yea:

Member Josh Dalglish
Vice Chair Sammy Scarpone
Member Elliot Portner
Member Matt Brown
Member Ami Keiffer
Member Devan Olmstead

BUDGET

- Staff reports that the board has \$126 left in it's line item through June 30, 2026
- The board briefly discussed the \$2,000 funding ask from Shinobu Chrisman/Wilsonville High School to help support a bus transportation fee from Kitakata to the Airport
 - Staff relayed the message that they had pointed Shinobu towards the Community Opportunity Grant

- The board requested that staff investigate funding this request from the 26-27 budget and the possibility to wire money for this cost in July

CITIZEN INPUT

- **Adrienne Scritmier** – came to hear and contribute ideas towards a memorial for Jiro Sato
- **Lois Reimer** – came to hear and contribute ideas towards a memorial for Jiro Sato

HONORING JIRO SATO

- **Background:** Member Scarpone shared that long time Aizu Kitakata International Association member Jiro Sato passed away in early February. Jiro San was one of the founding members of the Sister City relationship. He was a huge advocate of the program, a member of the Kitakata Rotary and chaperoned many student trips to Wilsonville well into his 80's.
- **Ideas to Honor Jiro**
 - A moment of silence at City Council Meeting
 - Plaque on bench near Cherry Trees
 - Plant a cherry tree
 - Rotary involvement?
 - Picture display at City Hall or Kitakata Room
 - Get an article and/or quotes translated for Kitakata
 - Shutterfly photo book with pictures and a statement

EVENT IDEAS & BRAINSTORM

- Combined ACHC/KSCAB Event – July 9
 - Staff shared that there is interest in doing a collaborative event between the Arts, Culture and Heritage Commission, the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee and The Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board. This event would have a broad range of performances focused on Asian cultures.
 - This event was of interest to the board
 - Of note, the Wilsonville students will be in Kitakata on the July 9 date
- Library Programming: One Book, One Coast
 - From the Library Director: The library is participating in a new program called One Book, One Coast in which many libraries up and down the west coast are reading the same book and doing programming around it. This year's book is George Takei's *They Called Us Enemy* about his childhood in the US Japanese internment camps. The programming we'll be doing will be around Japanese American culture in general. I thought you might like to let the Kitakata Committee and the ACHC know about it. The timeline is April-May. We haven't finalized our programming yet but we're looking at the following:
 - Speaker: talking to the Japanese American Museum of Oregon
 - Book giveaways of *They Called Us Enemy* (hoping to have 100 to give away)
 - Film screening of *Farewell to Manzanar*
 - Live-streaming a presentation by George Takei on May 31

REVISIT GOALS

- This was tabled due to lack of scheduled time. Will be discussed at March mtg.

- Goals Homework:
 - Please come up with 1-2 goals you'd like to see added and/or revised on the current document
 - Keep in mind which goals you'd like to be the liaison for

BOARD COMMENTS

- Staff will be attending the JASO All Sister-City meeting on Friday, February 20

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm