



**CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NH
BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON SISTER CITIES
AND CITIZEN DIPLOMACY**

December 6, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

- Committee Attendees:
 - Karina Quintans, Chair
 - Valerie Rochon
 - Stephanie Seacord
 - Steve Zadravec
 - Nancy Carmer, Ex-officio
 - Brenna Woodman
- Public Attendees**
- Peter Somssich
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- The meeting began at 4:06 p.m.
 - Committee voted to accept minutes from the 10/25/17 meeting
 - Brenna, Public Outreach, City of Portsmouth presented and reviewed survey monkey results (total of 45 responses)
 - Peter Somssich introduced himself and his interest in establishing a new sister city in Hungary from where he is from; shared a bit about his recent trip to Hungary during which he met with the mayor about establishing a relationship
 - Committee tossed around some ideas about the purpose of the sister city relationships and the possibility of connecting with other local organizations and businesses that already have international connections
 - Committee discussed forum as our next major task; looking at end of March for a date
 - Next meeting, 4 p.m., Wednesday, February 7, 2018
 - Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Action items/Next Steps

- Brenna will export survey monkey results and send to committee this week
- Steve Zadravec will reach out to noontime Rotary Club and Valerie Rochon will reach out to morning Rotary Club about their interest/programming with international affairs and diplomacy
- Committee to think of ideas on how to structure the March forum, for discussion at next committee meeting
- Karina to circulate draft of report to City Council for comments

Approved: February 28, 2018