

Richmond-Shimada Friendship Commission  
Minutes  
Wednesday, August 3rd, 2022  
---(Via Zoom Call)---

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)
- Esther Takeuchi, Commissioner
- Zelda Holland, Commissioner
- Ana Speros - of the Hercules sister city commission

2. Reading and approval of minutes: no quorum

3. Commissioner Reports:

Valerie spoke about Yas Aoki's passing. He had been on the Commission for many years. He oversaw the orientation of the Richmond ambassadors before their departure to Shimada, among other contributions to the commission. He will be missed.

4. Input on Agenda/ Important Business:

- December Adult Delegation (Canceled due to High Airfare)
- Basketball Coach in Shimada wants to Collaborate: Valerie connected the Richmond and Shimada coaches via email
- Evan shared Takashi's email re communication between Richmond & Shimada students. Evan and Takashi spoke on the "Line" app; Evan explained Discord to Takashi.
- Fiscal Sponsor Update: no news to share
- Obi Festival in October: Jamie added another column for attendees to indicate how long they plan to be in Japan. General discussion about the steps needed to obtain our visas. The other Shimada sister cities have managed to get visas. Will we be able to travel on our own in Japan? This is not yet known.

5. Good of the Order/Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 6:34