



Press Release

City of Edmonds

Mayor David O. Earling

For Immediate Release: August 28, 2012

To: City Council
The Edmonds Beacon edmondseditor@yourbeacon.net
The Seattle Times newstips@seattletimes.com
The Everett Herald sheets@heraldnet.com; newstips@heraldnet.com
My Edmonds News.com teresa@myedmondsnews.com
Edmonds Patch riffzy@comcast.net
Edmonds KOMO susieberesford@hotmail.com

Contact: Carrie Hite, Sister City Commission Staff Liaison
Phone: 425.771.0256 carrie.hite@ci.edmonds.wa.us

EDMONDS SISTER CITY COMMISSION SEEKS NEW MEMBERS **FOR A REWARDING EXPERIENCE**

(Edmonds – WA) The Sister City Commission is seeking volunteers to fill openings on the commission, which consists of 12 non-paid volunteers serving three-year terms. Sister City Commissioners attend one 7 p.m. meeting on the fourth Monday of each month and participate in committee work, hold at least one executive position within the commission during their three-year term, and participate in activities involving visitors from their Sister City Hekinan, Japan throughout the year.

From the perspective of one of the current Sister City Commissioners, her first awareness that Edmonds had a Sister City in Japan came when the Friendship Pole on the waterfront was dedicated. Upon attending that event, she was deeply impressed that the City of Hekinan, Japan, “cared enough to send their very best” ... including their Mayor and City dignitaries, as well as musical performers. The Edmonds Mayor and many of our citizens welcomed them, indicating that the friendship between the two cities was a significant relationship.

Each of the Sister City Commissioners have a special connection to, or interest in, Japan and see the value of encouraging adult and student exchanges between Edmonds and Hekinan. Being a Commissioner often helps individuals learn about the variety of resources Edmonds residents enjoy – in education, health services, local artists, the natural beauty of the area, and the fascinating City history. They feel it is a privilege to introduce Hekinan visitors to this, and to participate with them in building special memories of shared events and experiences long to be remembered.

An interest in Japan and the Sister City philosophy and willingness to serve the citizens of Edmonds is desirable. Applicants participate in an interview process and are selected, in part, based upon their skills as they apply to the commission’s mission, functions, and current and ongoing projects. For more information on the Sister City Commission please visit <http://www.ci.edmonds.wa.us/siscity.stm>.

Applications are available at the City Hall lobby reception area, by calling 425.771.0247, or online at <http://edmondswa.gov/government/boards-and-commissions.html>. Completed applications can be dropped-off in the lobby of City Hall or mailed to the Office of the Mayor, att: Edmonds Sister City Commission, 121 5th Avenue N., Edmonds, WA 98020 no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 19, 2012.

###