

City of Portsmouth
Sister Cities Blue Ribbon Committee
Conference Room A at City Hall*
MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 2024

Councilor Rich Blalock, chair; Steve Chinosi, Ben Van Camp, Stephanie Seacord. Staff: Christine Frieese

Update on Existing and Prospective Sister/Friendship Cities:

- **Nelson NZ** – Draft agreement.
- **Santarcangelo, Italy** – Who worked with Massimo on the Little Italy Festival. Create a template listing gift exchanges.
- **Nichinan, Japan** – Consulate General in Boston, Portsmouth High School, PMAC New Horizons Band. PHS travels to Nichinan in June 2024: 17 students, 5 faculty, principal and superintendent. Nichinan school will visit Portsmouth in fall 2025. Mayor accompany PHS trip in April 2025? Business connection through Forest Society

Public art – create a Sister City Artists Trail?