



SISTER CITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, September 29, 2025
ZOOM ONLY

Nicole Nowlin - Chair
Larisa Nefedov - Vice Chair
Doreen Stenson - Treasurer
Kermit Anderson - Secretary
Jackie Anderson

John Beechwood III
Richard Blackmun
Claudia Yakos - Chamber Liaison
Karen Martinez - Council Liaison
Joyce Phillips - Staff Liaison

Zoom Webinar:

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Meeting ID: 303 754 2286

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A. Call to Order

1. Roll Call

B. Public Comment: Time provided for anyone wishing to speak to Sister City Committee on an item not on the agenda or on the agenda but not scheduled for a public hearing. Comments are limited to 2 minutes unless additional time is granted by the Presiding Officer. The public comment period shall not exceed 30 minutes unless a majority of Councilors present vote to extend the time. Zoom attendees may use the "Raise Hand" option to be called on.

C. Consent Agenda: Items under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will all be adopted with a single motion, without separate discussion. Councilors who wish to remove an item from the Consent Agenda may do so prior to the motion. Any item(s) removed will be discussed and acted upon following the approval of the remaining item(s).

1. Approve Meeting Minutes

D. Additions/Deletions

1. N/A

E. Discussion Items

1. Host Families - we have four families to date: Larisa <1-2 kids incl allergy kid>; John ; Jackie/Kermit ; Nicole as backup; in convo with Brian/Barb Schimmel
Adult Activities - need confirmation from Claudia on wineries; SakeOne was contacted no response yet
Student Activities - need confirmation from Washington County Public Safety Training Center (PSTC); Fern Hill is waiting for PTCS scheduling; Safeway agreed to provide pumpkins for Friday activity
Chair Tasks - (SakeOne, dinner plan)

Transportation - reserved for the time the delegation is here, will confirm schedule with the provider

Gift - some item photos were emailed; need to add survey form for voting

Sponsorship: Need update on Chamber requests

Expenses - discussion regarding new form/procedure for reimbursement

F. Reports

1. Treasurer: Doreen Stenson
Chamber Liaison: Claudia Yakos
Council Liaison: Karen Martinez
Staff Liaison: Joyce Phillips

G. Future Agenda Items

1. Next meeting date: October 16, 2025 at 5:00 at the Community Auditorium.

H. Adjournment

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