



SISTER CITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, October 17, 2025
Zoom Only 4:00 PM

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

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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

E. Discussion Items

1. Host Families

- Only remaining house visits needed by Larisa are Barb/Bran and new host Alisa. @Larisa Nefedov
- Joyce handling background checks @Joyce Phillips
- We need to start calling references on new hosts

Adult Activities

- BJ needs to be given the heads up on the influx Thursday AM
- student activities
- police said yes; Nicole to send invite
- need confirmation on fire tour for Friday afternoon @Larisa Nefedov
- Safeway agreed to provide pumpkins for Friday PM activity but pickup needs to be arranged

Dinner Activities

- need confirmation on Claudia about full catering drop - chaffing dishes, disposables, whether slaw/rolls are included (veg protein is confirmed)
- Claudia - we have a kid with allergies we need to make sure they will have enough food @J. L. nicole to send the allergy list

Entertainment

- need backup ideas. Having trouble contacting the witches. Waiting on a decision from them right now. @J. L. @Nicole Nowlin

Gift

- Kermit purchasing/ it is on hold @Kermit Anderson

Other

- \$1000 received; any update on the second sponsorship? @J. L.

F. Reports

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

G. Future Agenda Items

1. Next delegation and debrief after Student Delegation

H. Adjournment

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