AGENDA

Sister Cities Commission

Tuesday, March 10, 2026
5:30 PM
Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts
201 Schaumburg Ct.
Schaumburg, IL 60193

VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG
PROGRESS THROUGH THOUGHTFUL PLANNING

A G E N D A

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. February 10, 2026
- B. February 24, 2026 (Japan Subcommittee)

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Germany Subcommittee Report
- B. Japan Subcommittee Report
- C. South Asia Subcommittee Report
  India sister city candidate

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

V. CONTINUING ITEMS

- A. Sister City Facebook Page
- B. Proposals for Use of Sister City Funds
  - Scholarship Update
- C. Brochure

VI. DEFERRALS

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

IX. NEXT MEETING
April 14, 2026

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and other applicable Federal and State laws, the

meeting will be accessible to individuals with disabilities. Persons requiring auxiliary aids and/or services should contact the Village Manager's Office at 847.923.4705, preferably no later than five days before the meeting.

VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

February 10, 2026
03/10/26
Sister Cities Commission

Presenter:
Lead Department: Cultural Services

Executive Summary:

Recommended Action:

ATTACHMENTS:
- 2026 02 10 Sister Cities Commission Meeting Minutes.pdf

SISTER CITIES COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026
AL LARSON PRAIRIE CENTER FOR THE ARTS / CONFERENCE ROOM A

NOTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Caren Chisesi
Vandana Jhingan
Tom LaMantia
Kazuko Mino
Annie Miskewitch
Suzanne Poeschel
Bob Schmidt
Ally Zinck

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kiran Nuthulapaty
Neil Khot
Jose Skrobot

STAFF PRESENT: Tiana Weiler, Director of Cultural Services
Katie Langston, Assistant Event Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER:
Suzanne Poeschel called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
A motion was made by Tom LaMantia to approve the Sister Cities Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2026. Bob Schmidt seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Germany Subcommittee Report - SDAG visit to Schaumburg, IL 2025
No report. Ms. Poeschel reported she heard Dr. Steinbeck that April 2026 will no longer work as a potential date to visit, as it conflicts with elections held in Germany. He proposed we reschedule for some time in the fall. He would still like us to consider a visit to Germany for the Christmas markets during November 20 to December 24 of 2026.

B. Japan Subcommittee Report
No report. Ms. Poeschel was happy to share that Annie Miskewitch and Jose Skrobot will be joining the Japan Subcommittee. Ms. Mino reported that Mr. Niwa proposed for us to visit in April or May and would like to know more details as far as number of people, days staying, sights of interest, etc. Ms. Weiler mentioned that we should be mindful of timing as Schaumburg elections will be held during that time. At the next Japan Subcommittee meeting details will be discussed.

C. South Asia Subcommittee Report
No report. Ms. Weiler reported that Trustee Patel was unsuccessful in meeting with the Vadodara city leadership due to schedule conflicts. Ms. Jhingan mentioned that she will

be visiting that region from March 2nd to March 4th and would be happy to meet with Vadodara leadership. Ms. Weiler will reach out to Trustee Patel to connect Ms. Jhingan with the Vadodara leadership to schedule a meeting during her travels.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CONTINUING ITEMS:

1. **Sister City Facebook Page**
   While Mr. Skrobot was unable to attend, Ms. Poeschel reported that he is continuing to look for new ideas for posts and asked the members to continue to share and like Facebook posts. Ms. Weiler mentioned that Ms. Poeschel will be presenting at the Northwest Women's Club event hosted at the Schaumburg Library. Ms. Weiler plans to get photos of the event to share on the Sister Cities Facebook page.
2. **Proposal for Use of Sister City Funds**
   Mr. Skrobot submitted an application with District 211 for the Scholarship. Mr. Skrobot and Ms. Langston have published the scholarship information and application form on the Sister Cities webpage. Mr. Schmidt suggested that we research local school clubs and organizations to send scholarship information to Mr. Skrobot and Ms. Langston will be working on finding school contacts and creating a flyer to promote the scholarship.
3. **Brochure**
   Ms. Zinck brought in material pulled from the webpage to add onto the brochure. Ms. Zinck asked the committee to review material and report back to her with any comments or suggestions by March 1st.

DEFERRALS:

No deferrals.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

No Comments.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 6:00 pm by Tom LaMantia to adjourn. Bob Schmidt seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 5:30 pm

VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

February 24, 2026 (Japan Subcommittee)
03/10/26
Sister Cities Commission

Presenter:
Lead Department: Cultural Services

Executive Summary:

Recommended Action:

ATTACHMENTS:
- 2026 02 24 Sister Cities Commission Meeting Minutes_Japan Sub.pdf

SISTER CITIES COMMISSION MEETING
JAPAN SUBCOMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026
AL LARSON PRAIRIE CENTER FOR THE ARTS / CONFERENCE ROOM A

NOTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kazuko Mino
Annie Miskewitch
Suzanne Poeschel
Jose Skrobot
Ally Zinck

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Tiana Weiler, Director of Cultural Services
Katie Langston, Assistant Event Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER:
Suzanne Poeschel called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discuss 2027 30th Anniversary Celebration in Namerikawa

Tiana Weiler started off by mentioning that local elections are being held on April 6, 2027, so we would not be able to travel to Japan until after the final board meeting on April 28. The agreed on potential date idea would be to visit after this date to align with the Firefly Squid Fest in Namerikawa. Tiana also mentioned that conversations are being held with elected officials and the village manager's office on who could attend. In addition to some subcommittee members interested in going, the full commission will be asked to weigh in on their interest in attending. Ms. Weiler mentioned that we would need to find an interpreter, and Ms. Poeschel suggested discussing with Mr. Williams, from Harper College, and Mr. Fujibuchi, from Sugino. Ms. Weiler also mentioned that we should think about how we want to allocate funding for this trip once we have a better understanding of who is interested and cost per person. Ms. Mino confirmed the Namerikawa Mayor Mizuno has been re-elected and is excited to have us visit. Ms. Mino will be reaching out to Mr. Niwa to ask about the possibility of having a group of approximately 20 people coming from Schaumburg. She will also inquire about the length of the trip and types of activities that could take place around the celebration. There was discussion about whether we should consider bringing with us a student entertainment group. Ms. Weiler will be reaching out to Matt Frank in the Economic Development department to find a travel agency to assist with planning the trip.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CONTINUING ITEMS:

DEFERRALS:

No deferrals.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 6:27 p.m. by Jose Skrobot to adjourn. Kazuko Mino seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 5:30 pm (Full Commission)