AGENDA

Sister Cities Commission

Tuesday, July 14, 2026
6:00 PM
Temporary Village Hall
1000 Woodfield Rd
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. May 12, 2026
- B. May 12, 2026 (Japan Subcommittee)

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Germany Subcommittee Report
- B. Japan Subcommittee Report
- C. South Asia Subcommittee Report
- D. Discuss August meeting date

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

V. CONTINUING ITEMS

- A. Sister City Facebook Page
- B. Proposals for Use of Sister City Funds
- C. Septemberfest Non-Profit Day
- D. Other Events (Library, Farmers Market)

VI. DEFERRALS

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

IX. NEXT MEETING

August 11, 2026

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VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

May 12, 2026
07/14/26
Sister Cities Commission

Presenter:
Lead Department: Cultural Services

Executive Summary:

Recommended Action:

ATTACHMENTS:
- 2026 05 12 Sister Cities Commission Minutes.pdf

SISTER CITIES COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026
AL LARSON PRAIRIE CENTER FOR THE ARTS / CONFERENCE ROOM A

NOTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Caren Chisesi Tom LaMantia Annie Miskewitch Kiran Nuthulapaty Suzanne Poeschel Vandana Jhingan Ally Zinck
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Jose Skrobot Neil Khot Kazuko Mino Bob Schmidt
STAFF PRESENT:	Tiana Weiler, Director of Cultural Services Katie Langston, Rental Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER:
Suzanne Poeschel called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
A motion was made by Caren Chisesi to approve the Sister Cities Meeting Minutes from April 14, 2026. Tom LaMantia seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Germany Subcommittee Report - SDAG visit to Schaumburg, IL

No report. Caren Chisesi has sent out a message to follow up with Dr. Steinbeck to see if we can get more information about the "Tracht Cultural Dresses" for display purposes. Ms. Poeschel confirmed that the 1st or 3rd week of October will work for Dr. Steinbeck to visit, and he will follow up with the other German officials to pick one of those weeks. Tiana Weiler reported that the artwork mailed to Mayor Dailly by Dr. Steinbeck has made it and will be put up in the new Village Hall once completed. Mr. Weiler was also happy to report that the Stone gifted to us in 2006 has been moved to the new Village Hall already and looks great. It will remain covered until construction is complete.

B. Japan Subcommittee Report

No report. Kiran Nuthulapaty talked about the Japanese night event at Jane Adams and that it was a success. Ms. Nuthulapaty was able to hand out our new brochures and scholarship flyers. Tiana Weiler mentioned that the subcommittee will be having a meeting following this one that involves a teams video call with Mr. Niwa and our JBT travel agent to go over the 2027 visit to Namerikawa.

C. **South Asia Subcommittee Report**
No report. Vandana Jhingan reported that Elections are currently taking place in Vadodara so they are waiting to see if the mayor is reelected or if there will be a new one to follow up with on our proposed partnership.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CONTINUING ITEMS:

1. **Sister City Facebook Page**
Ally Zinck, Kiran Nuthulapaty, and Tom LaMantia mentioned sending over content to Jose Skrobot to post on the Facebook page. Tiana Weiler and Katie Langston mentioned that they also have access to the Sister City Facebook page and can post if need be. Ms. Weiler will follow up with Jose Skrobot to see what needs to get posted.
2. **Proposal for Use of Sister City Funds**
Suzanne Poeschel talked about how the scholarship deadline has passed and there are 3 candidates for the scholarship. Two applications are from German language students, and one from a Japanese language student. Suzanne Poeschel and Jose Skrobot will go through the applications and decide on the two winners. Tiana Weiler suggested inviting the two winners to a future Village Board meeting to accept their award. Ms. Weiler also passed around a sign up sheet for the Farmers Market. All committee members will list their availability, and Ms. Weiler will let us know which date has the best availability for everyone.
3. **Brochure**
Katie Langston brought in brochures for everyone to see. Annie Miskewitch requested to take a large stack of the new brochures to the library and will pick them up at the Japan sub-committee meeting. Ms. Miskewitch also confirmed that the library has a tentative date of September 20 for their Japan night and are looking at the month of October to host a German night. Ms. Miskewitch also confirmed that they can put "in partnership" with the Schaumburg Sister Cities on all advertising for those events. Suzanne Poeschel attended the Illinois Sister Cities annual meeting and shared that Roselle won Sister City of the year. Ms. Poeschel also shared that next year's meeting will likely be held in Belvidere.

DEFERRALS:
No deferrals.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

No Comments.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 5:56 pm by Tom LaMantia to adjourn. Annie Miskewitch seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 9, 2026, 5:30 pm

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Sister Cities Commission

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Lead Department: Cultural Services

Executive Summary:

Recommended Action:

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SISTER CITIES COMMISSION MEETING
JAPAN SUBCOMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 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, Rental Coordinator

GUEST PRESENT: Kiyoshi Yamado, JTB

CALL TO ORDER:
Suzanne Poeschel called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Discuss 2027 30th Anniversary Celebration in Namerikawa**
A Zoom Meeting was held with Mr. Niwa, our JTB travel agent, and the Japan Sub Committee to discuss the trip to Japan. Mr. Niwa reviewed the proposed itinerary and suggested what days of the week would be the best for each activity planned. JTB travel agent gave input to consider such as flight times and airline preferences that would best coordinate with our itinerary. Ms. Weiler will follow up with our JTB travel agent to get flight date and time options to propose to the committee and Schaumburg elected officials. Ms. Weiler also suggested that we reach out to Mr. Fujibuchi, from Sugino, to see if any of his staff would be interested in joining us.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CONTINUING ITEMS:

DEFERRALS:
No deferrals.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 8:53 p.m. by Jose Skrobot to adjourn. Ally Zinck seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 9, 2026, 5:30 pm (Full Commission)