AGENDA

Sister Cities Commission

Tuesday, September 9, 2025
Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts

VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG
PROGRESS THROUGH THOUGHTFUL PLANNING

A G E N D A

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Meeting Minutes from August 12, 2025

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Germany Subcommittee Report
SDAG visit to Schaumburg, IL, 2025

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 proposal

C. Septemberfest Non-Profit Day

VI. DEFERRALS

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

IX. NEXT MEETING

October 14, 2025

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VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Minutes from August 12, 2025
09/09/25
Sister Cities Commission

Presenter:
Lead Department: Cultural Services

Executive Summary:

Recommended Action:

ATTACHMENTS:
- Minutes_SisterCities_2025.08.12.pdf

SISTER CITIES COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025
AL LARSON PRAIRIE CENTER FOR THE ARTS / CONFERENCE ROOM A

NOTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Caren Chisesi
Tom LaMantia
Kiran Nuthulapaty
Suzanne Poeschel
Jose Skrobot
Ally Zinck

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vandana Jhingan
Neil Khot
Annie Miskewitch
Kazuko Mino
Bob Schmidt

STAFF PRESENT: Tiana Weiler, Director of Cultural Services

CALL TO ORDER:
Suzanne Poeschel called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
A motion was made by Caren Chisesi to approve the Sister Cities Meeting Minutes from June 10, 2025. Tom LaMantia seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Germany Subcommittee Report - SDAG visit to Schaumburg, IL 2025**
Suzanne Poeschel reported that Dr. Steinbeck sent correspondence regarding the September 11 general assembly meeting. Their board is interested in how we can continue to strengthen our relationship in the future. They look forward to laying a solid foundation for our continued cooperation. Their visit in October is still being considered.

B. **Japan Subcommittee Report**
No report. Ms. Mino was not in attendance, but she reported that she is in continual conversation with Mr. Niwa. He reported their Lantern Festival was a big success.

C. **South Asia Subcommittee Report**
No report. Trustee Patel has been in touch with Kashal Patel who will be setting up a meeting with the Deputy Mayor of Vadodara to discuss a potential relationship with Schaumburg.

CONTINUING ITEMS:

1. **Sister City Facebook Page**
Jose Skrobot is looking for content for the page. Some suggestions included sharing

information on when meetings take place and action items that come out of the monthly meetings. Ms. Weiler suggested a post about the Namerikawa visit that took place one year ago. Another idea was to post about participating in the 54th Septemberfest on Not-for-Profit Day. It was decided this was a good idea, as we partner with Kettle Kabin to sell kettle corn, assorted nuts, and beverages. It was also suggested that historical photos could be shared.

2. **Proposals for Use of Sister Cities Funds**
   Ms. Poeschel reported on the current funds in the account. A discussion took place around the idea of fundraising to give scholarships for students studying German or Japanese. It was mentioned we could possibly partner with Harper College or Dooley Schools. Ms. Zinck proposed that Sister Cities raise funds to create scholarships to be given out during the school year. The specifics on amounts and processes for applying will be determined at a future meeting. Ms. Nuthulapaty seconded. MOTION CARRIED. Ms. Weiler will provide signage to be used at the booth, noting Sister Cities will raise money for scholarships. Mr. Skrobot will bring a proposal to the next meeting on how the scholarship program will work.
3. **Septemberfest Non-Profit Meeting**
   Ms. Chisesi confirmed our application was approved for Non-Profit Day. Ms. Weiler confirmed volunteer coupons should be accepted at the booth. The Village will reimburse Sister Cities for the amount taken in. Ms. Chisesi is working on the sign-up form for commission members to volunteer.

DEFERRALS:

No deferrals.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 6:10pm by Jose Skrobot to adjourn. Kiran Nuthulapaty seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 5:30 pm