AGENDA

Sister Cities Commission

Tuesday, October 14, 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. September 9, 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

VI. DEFERRALS

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

IX. NEXT MEETING

November 11, 2025

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VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

September 9, 2025
10/14/25
Sister Cities Commission

Presenter:
Lead Department: Cultural Services

Executive Summary:

Recommended Action:

ATTACHMENTS:
- 2025 09 09 Sister Cities Commission Meeting Minutes.pdf

SISTER CITIES COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025
AL LARSON PRAIRIE CENTER FOR THE ARTS / CONFERENCE ROOM A

NOTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Caren Chisesi
Vandana Jhingan
Tom LaMantia
Kazuko Mino
Annie Miskewitch (remote)
Suzanne Poeschel
Bob Schmidt
Jose Skrobot
Ally Zinck

MEMBERS ABSENT: Neil Khot
Kiran Nuthulapaty

STAFF PRESENT: Tiana Weiler, Director of Cultural Services

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
A motion was made by Caren Chisesi to approve the Sister Cities Meeting Minutes from August 12, 2025. Jose Skrobot seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Germany Subcommittee Report - SDAG visit to Schaumburg, IL 2025**
No report. Suzanne Poeschel reported that she was still waiting for a final answer to see if the October visit was going forward. Also, she reported that Dr. Steinbeck would like to have a teleconference call to discuss next steps to restart our exchanges. The subcommittee will meet following this call between Ms. Weiler, Ms. Poeschel, and the German contingency.

B. **Japan Subcommittee Report**
No report.

C. **South Asia Subcommittee Report**
No report. Suzanne Poeschel reported that there was a new Deputy Mayor of Vadodara, and communication has been shared about a potential relationship with Schaumburg.

CONTINUING ITEMS:

1. **Sister City Facebook Page**
Jose Skrobot reported that he is updating the page with new content each Tuesday. In

addition, he has refreshed the main page with our correct logo and created a new header. Commission members should continue to send Jose ideas for stories for the weekly posts.

2. **Proposals for Use of Sister Cities Funds**
   Mr. Skrobot presented the scholarship application for review. Discussion took place on who could apply. After much discussion it was determined there would be a $500 scholarship for a student taking German and one taking Japanese. Being a senior and Schaumburg residence would also be pre-requisites. Mr. Skrobot will take the feedback and update the form. The Cultural Services department will create the final application for distribution. It was recommended that a flyer be made once the application is live.
3. **Septemberfest Non-Profit Meeting**
   Ms. Chisesi reported the commission raised over $1000 working the Kettle Kabin on Monday, September 1 as part of the Septemberfest Non-Profit Day. The online sign-up for shifts worked well. There was a recommendation by Ms. Zinck that we should create a flyer or brochure about the Commission that could be handed out at the booth.

DEFERRALS:

No deferrals.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 6:18pm by Tom LaMantia to adjourn. Caren Chisesi seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 5:30 pm