

Alexandria Sister Cities Committee September '23 Meeting – Monday 18 September 2023

- Attendance:
 - In-person: Kurt Eberle, Karen Parsons, Eric Compton, Stacie Andersen, Kathryn Schalow, Phil Dawit, Esther Petrilli-Massey, David Vondle, Paul Anderson, Diana Price, Kathryn Johnson, Martha Davis (NOVA Alexandria) Whitney Umarov (Office of Historic Alexandria)
 - Excused Absence: James Morrison
 - Unexcused Absence: Lauren Bealore
 - Term expired: Sarah Ramsey (not renewed)
- Meeting held at City Hall, Sister Cities Room; called to order at approximately 7:03 pm
- September '23 minutes; Stacie: motioned; Esther: seconded; unanimously approved w/ minor edits
- Introduction of new NOVA (Alexandria) liaison: Dr. Martha Davis, Prof. of Spanish
- Old Business
 - Scottish Christmas Walk
 - Stacie mentioned that she registered us for the Walk
 - She gave updates of her meeting with DATA; Bryan McCloud, the new chair, is planning to come for the Walk; she also mentioned some upcoming DATA events relating to Alexandria
 - Save-the-date postcard for 2024 Whisky Tasting to hand out at Walk would need to be finalized by end of November; Esther agreed to handle
 - David discussed possible venues for Scotland v. Norway soccer game on Nov. 19
 - Nothing new to report regarding Helsingborg
- New Business
 - Diana discussed a Trans-Atlantic Book Club event at Library scheduled for mid-November, likely a short story; details to follow
 - 275th Alexandria Birthday, July 2024; should we plan a corresponding event?
 - Martha Davis explained exchange programs for NOVA and Dundee area colleges
 - We discussed having lectures relating to Dundee and Helsingborg each year
 - We voted to schedule the 2024 Whisky Tasting for Saturday April 13, 2024
 - Washington Tattoo likely to be held Tartan week
 - Need to schedule an election for Vice Chair to replace Sarah next meeting
- Next meeting: Monday October 16, 2023 at City Hall
- Meeting adjourned: ~8:30 pm

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Secretary

11 October 2023