

Alexandria Sister Cities Committee February '25 Meeting – Monday 10 February 2025

- Meeting held at Lloyd House; called to order at approximately ~7:05 pm
- Attendance
 - In-person: Erin Rauner, Carter Rice, Dale Medearis, Paul Anderson, Jennifer Eidemiller, Eric Compton, Whitney Omarov (Office of Historic Alexandria), Alejandro (Alex) Perez-Reyes, Diana Price, Elisabeth Poppen
 - Excused Absence: Martha Davis (NOVA CC)
 - Absent: Mikke Norton, Jose Mandujano, Phil Dawit, James Morrison
- January '25 minutes: added Dale's comments, updated '25, updated to Lloyd House, St. Agnus, and Lloyd spelling. Eric (Primary), Dale (seconded)
- Upcoming Events/Old Business
 - Feb 11th - New Sister Cities – reach out to Gretchen Bulova (OHA) – Eric meeting with Gretchen
 - Feb 26th - Gin Bothy Gin talk and tasting – Eric
 - Mar 23rd - Swedish Coffee – Vanessa – contacted Swedish Chamber of Commerce and Misha's. – Vanessa and Carter
 - Mar 29th - GW University (Tattoo - Tartan Day)
 - Apr 24th - TransAtlantic Book Club (Dundee) – Diana
 - Apr 26th - Whisky Tasting (Dundee) – need to start meeting – Phil and Paul
 - Jun 5th/6th - Helsingborg, Sweden – invited to their graduation.
 - Jun 21st - Mid-summer Celebration (Helsingborg) officially June 23rd – Elisabeth
 - Aug (TBD) – Hold a gin and tonic tasting – Erin
 - Nov 30th - Visit to Sister Cities – Dundee Hooley
- New Business
 - TBD - Culinary – found an interested baker with a Le Cordon Bleu background. Talking to her; need a location – Jenn
 - TBD - Joint presentation of all three sister cities (Caen, Helsingborg, Dundee) on Viking history. – Carter
 - TBD - Committee Report (diversifying our engagements) - Collective conversation around ideas – creation of sub-committee(s) – Dale
 - TBD - Bylaws creation – Eric
 - TBD - Dundee Tapestry and bringing it to Alexandria. Working on hosting at the Torpedo Factory – Eric
 - TBD - Cider Festival – serve up both Helsingborg and Scotland cider. – Elisabeth
- Next meeting: Monday, March 17th, at City Hall, 7 PM.
- Meeting adjourned: ~8:20 pm

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Secretary

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