

Alexandria Sister Cities Committee Sept '25 Meeting – Monday 15 September 2025

- Meeting held at City Hall; called to order at approximately ~7:09 pm
- Attendance:
 - In-person: Carter Rice, Jennifer Eidemiller, Eric Compton, Alejandro (Alex) Perez-Reyes, Diana Price, Dale Medearis, Paul Anderson, Mikke Norton, Whitney Umarov, Elisabeth Poppen, Vanessa Simpson
 - Excused Absence: Martha Davis (NOVA CC)
 - Absent: Phil Dawit
 - No Longer with the Committee: Jose Mandujano, Erin Rauner
 - Public: David Mitchell
- David Mitchell introduced himself. He will be an official member next month.
- August '25 minutes – Motion to approve notes (Primary – Alex, Second – Eric) – Elisabeth's name spelling. Random colon near Carter's name.
- Treasurer's Report – not reviewed in the meeting.
- Upcoming Events
 - Charter School from Helsingborg coming to visit
 - October 9th, 7 PM - will have a reception. Would like to invite the Key Club members. Whitney needs the numbers by 10/3 (Paul).
 - Viking Event
 - Oct 16th (7-9 PM) - Presentation – Caen will present. Need 3-4 people to help.
 - Transatlantic Book Club coming up: (Diana)
 - Mid Oct - Helsingborg book club
 - Nov 20th (1 PM) - Dundee book club
 - Soccer Event
 - Nov 15th - Sweden and Scotland play in the qualifiers; finalizing the space (Alex)
 - Swedish Fika Coffee
 - Nov 23rd* (3-5 PM) (Vanessa/Carter)
 - *Changed from Nov 22nd - post-meeting to new date to note conflict with the Cider fester.
 - Cider Festival – Elisabeth (Scottish), Alex (Gyumri)
 - Nov 22nd (1–5 PM) – Elisabeth will contact Jim Halloway about distribution and securing Scottish cider.
- Ongoing/New Business
 - Diana's Swedish Co-worker - Met with the library and Katarina from the school, the Swedish government representative, and the climate office.
 - Annual Report needs to go out (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)
 - Gyumri
 - Virtual pen pals – will start with email (Alex)
 - Scottish Walk
 - December - VIPs (Lord and Lady Provost) and Vice Data Chair are coming again this year. Will plan a reception and dinner.
 - Rugby Match – Dundee and Alexandria – Dundee unable to travel next year – will try the year after. August 2026 – Alexandria may travel to Dundee.
 - Alexandria Soccer League – will be in the Dundee/Edinburgh area.
 - Formal introduction with the mayor. A 15-minute pitch suggestion. There is a process for inviting council members. See Whitney if this needs to be done. Will check with Gretchen on next steps. (Eric)
 - Budget - the fiscal 2027 budget process is kicking off.
 - Provide priorities by mid-October (work with Whitney on this).
 - One-minute public hearing – have this ready for February 2026.
 - Strategic Plan with Goal and Calendar
 - January/February 2026—The committee is still interested in the strategic plan with goals and calendar. The Retreat will last four hours (weekend).
 - Tenants/Sub-Committees – create this and have committee members sign up for what they are interested in.
 - City Hall will not be available in 2026. Looking at options to host all the Sister City Committees. Need to look at a new schedule.
- Next meeting: Monday, October 20th, at City Hall, 7 PM.
- Meeting adjourned: ~8:35 pm

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Secretary
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