

**Alexandria Sister Cities Committee Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

Monday, November 16, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Webinar

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In Attendance: Esther Petrilli-Massey, David Vondle, Stacie Andersen, Leslie Tourigny, Sarah Ramsey, Kelly Sullivan, Maureen Dugan, William Booz, Eric Compton, Linda Reda, Hannah Ledesma, Steve Cohen, Annabelle Anderson (Student Representative)

City Staff: Whitney Harris, Jim Holloway, staff, Office of Historic Alexandria

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1. Call to Order – Chair Maureen Dugan called the meeting to order at 7:05
2. Reading of Virtual Meeting Notice – Whitney Harris read the meeting notice
3. Welcome – Maureen
4. Old Business –
  - a. Esther to follow up on partnership with RPCA and senior citizens.
  - b. Maureen has not heard back from schools regarding linkages
5. New Business
  - a. Sister Cities Meeting debrief - Maureen
    - i. Toolkit on international exchanges
    - ii. Tap into local partners
  - b. Helsingborg 2022 Meeting - Maureen
    - i. Innovation and Smart Cities theme
  - c. Committee discussed potential events and ideas
    - i. Food insecurity as potential initiative – Steve Cohen
    - ii. Cultural exchange with Swedish drama theme – William Booz
    - iii. Robert Burns-inspired poetry event – Hannah Ledesma
    - iv. Options for June 2021 to watch Scotland play soccer in European Cup
6. Next Meeting – TBD January
7. Floor opened for public comment – none stated
8. Adjournment – Maureen adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm