



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Sister City Planning Committee

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Wednesday, December 18, 2024

4:30 PM

Conference Room 303

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#### Call To Order

**PRESENT:** 6 - Kennedy, Chulew, Martinez, O'Connell, Lopez and Miklich

**ABSENT:** 3 - Zuhlke, Venegas and Zuffa

**EXCUSED:** 3 - Skow, Alder Land and Kurvuvilla

#### Approval of Minutes for the November 20, 2024, Meeting.

Deferred

#### Update from Sister City Partners: Aalborg, Montélimar, Oiso, Zapotlanejo

*Aalborg No news to report*

*Montélimar Martinez maintains regular contact with Frédéric, our counterpart teacher at the French school whose students we will host next spring. Several items are coming into sharper focus as we make progress toward this ten-day school visitation and homestay program. We have interviewed potential host families for the high school age guests, and can confirm that seven families look forward to opening their homes. Several of the families are in a position to host two students. The dates—April 23 to May 1, 2025—coincide partially with Racine Unifide's spring break schedule. We know from Frédéric that the dates cannot be changed. The next considerations in preparation for the arrival will be creating an itinerary and providing guidelines to help host families make our guests' stay a smooth one.*

*Oiso Next summer we will continue the student exchange with Oiso, which is usually a two- week homestay for two or three Japanese students. Skow informed us that in her most recent contact with Oiso, our Japanese partners wondered if we could extend the hosting period by several days. Most Committee members voiced the opinion that a two-day extension would be very manageable.*

*Zapotlanejo No news from our Mexican partners.*

**Received and Filed**

#### Report from Montélimar Subcommittee: Update on Spring 2025 Student Visit

*See Above*

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### **SCI Young Artists and Authors Showcase**

*President O'Connell has gleaned some valuable information about this program which is made available under the auspices of Sister Cities International. SCI offers students an opportunity to show their creativity in the areas of visual arts and writing (prose and poetry). The Committee discussed how we could publicize the program for talented middle-level and senior high students and encourage their participation. It must be done in a relatively short time frame as submissions are due in early April.*

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### **SCI 2025 Youth Leadership Summit**

*Another SCI initiative is the Youth Leadership Summit which Lopez took part in last year. The target audience is 14-16 year old students who have an interest in federal government with special emphasis on international diplomacy. This year the Summit will take place in mid-June with applications due in early March.*

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### **Discuss 2025 monthly meeting day**

*There was some follow-up discussion about a meeting day and time that would be more amenable to everyone's individual calendar. With many members not in attendance at the December meeting, we elected to wait until next month's meeting to make a final decision. When we arrive at a final decision, we will communicate this to Nuechterlein.*

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### **New Business**

*Most of the items in this section were addressed earlier in this report..*

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### **Adjournment. Next Meeting TBD**