



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Sister City Planning Committee

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Wednesday, February 19, 2020

4:30 PM

City Hall Room 307

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#### Call To Order

*Others present: Mayor Cory Mason, Ellen Nuechterlein*

**PRESENT:** 9 - Martinez, O'Connell, Guetzlaff, Kurvuvilla, Kennedy, McKinney, Peterson, Caskey and Zuhlke

**EXCUSED:** 3 - Bolter, Alder Taft and Skow

Approval of Minutes for January 15, 2020 Meeting.

*The minutes of the January meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote.*

#### 0102-20

Subject: Treasure's report information on funds in Account #11202-53480, \$7,000.00  
Treasure's report information on funds in Account #20624-34500-10001, \$2,795.98

#### 0103-20

Subject: Update on Civic Leadership Visit to Aalborg  
Mayor Mason confirmed that he will attend the civic leadership conference in Aalborg in May. The three-day conference will focus on sustainability issues facing 21st century cities, and having read the agenda, Mayor Mason judges that Aalborg is three or four years ahead of Racine in addressing the challenges. In addition to the mayor, Gateway Technical College will be represented by President Bryan Albrecht, and UW-Parkside will send Chancellor Debbie Ford or a designee. Aalborg is also creating a program of events for sister city members who want to attend but not necessarily take part in the conference. Several council members indicated they would like to join the Racine contingent.

#### 0104-20

Subject: Update on April 2020 Montélimar student visit  
The Racine Sister City Council will host fifteen students and two chaperones from Alain Borne High School in Montélimar from April 19-26. This program features a homestay and school visitation for our guests, and at this point we have secured host families for all of them. We hope that guests and hosts can get acquainted by social media soon. For host families with teenagers, our French guests will shadow them at school, and teachers will provide suitable guides for those guests where there is not a teenager at home. Rev. Guetzlaff distributed a tentative

itinerary for the week, which will include a tour of Racine, a day in Milwaukee and a morning at Carthage College in addition to classroom visits at Case, Park, Walden or Horlick. Council members offered suggestions for itinerary items and publicity ideas for the week-long visit. Shortly before their arrival the Sister City Council will host an evening meeting for host families.

**0105-20**

Subject: 2020 Oiso student visit- July 20, 2020 through August 3, 2020  
We remain in close contact with our Japanese partners as we anticipate a visit from three high school students from Oiso this summer. The leadership of the Oiso sister city council informs us that they are proceeding with caution on account of the Coronavirus threat. They are still in the process of interviewing and selecting the candidates and should know by the end of March which three have been chosen.

*Before the meeting ended there was some discussion about appropriate presentational gifts. Abey Kuruvilla offered help from the University of Wisconsin – Parkside. In the past, the art department at UW – P has engaged in competitions to create something suitable to the needs of presenters.*

**Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.*