

Alexandria Sister Cities Committee August '25 Meeting – Monday 18 August 2025

- Meeting held at City Hall; called to order at approximately ~7:09 pm
- Attendance
 - In-person: Alejandro Perez-Reyes, Carter Rice, Elisabeth Poppen, Phil Dawit, Paul Anderson, Eric Compton, Vanessa Simpson, Mikke Norton and Whitney Umarov (Office of Historic Alexandria)
 - Absent: Diana Price, Dale Medearis, Jennifer Eidemiller, Erin Rauner and Martha Davis (NOVA CC)
 - One member of the public
- June '25 minutes: Eric motioned, Alex seconded to approve minutes. Two minor revisions noted. Unanimously approved with those revisions*
- Treasurer's Report – Phil and Whitney*
 - Sister Cities' Updates – Eric gave updates and also mentioned possible Sister Cities Committee changes and restructuring
- Ongoing Business
 - Recent Grant Application – Phil discussed the grant application submission
 - Library update – Eric (for Diana) discussed upcoming librarian visit to Helsingborg
 - Swedish Coffee Culture Event – Carter and Vanessa discussed plan
 - Eric motioned for Vanessa/Carter to make arrangement for event up to \$500; Vanessa seconded. Motion Unanimously passed
 - Rugby update – Eric and Paul mentioned plan to match in Alexandria in May '26 and then in Dundee in August '26
 - Gyumri update – Alex discussed recent meeting with St. Stephens and St. Agnes School regarding city connection, and International Club
 - Soccer watch party – Alex mentioned both Swedish and Scottish matches on Nov, 15 at 2:45pm. He said he'd look into making arrangement for watch party
- New Business
 - ASCC Annual Report – 1 June '24 – 30 June '25 (due 10/3) – Eric said he would put together a draft for next meeting
 - Discuss Upcoming Events – Eric briefly mentioned upcoming events for the rest of 2025 and 2026 (see Agenda).
- Public Comment: niece of former Committee Chair introduced herself and expressed interest to volunteering for the committee^
- Next meeting: Monday September 12, 2025, City Hall, 7pm.
- Meeting adjourned: ~8:35 pm (Eric motioned; Phil seconded; unanimous vote)

*Discussion moved to end of meeting; ^ Discussion moved to beginning of meeting

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Chair / Acting Secretary
11 September 2025
(rev. 26 September 2025)