



### **Our Vision**

Red Wing thrives as a vibrant, creative river town that values its natural environment, welcomes all people, and unlocks opportunity for everyone.

### **Our Mission**

We strive to create a sustainable, healthy, accessible, resilient, and equitable community where every person feels at home.

## **Meeting Announcement and Agenda Sister Cities Commission Regular Meeting City Council Chambers, 315 West 4th Street, Red Wing, MN & Virtually Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at 5:15 PM**

This meeting will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers and virtually via Webex at the same time. Members of the public can join this meeting either in person at City Hall or virtually. To join this meeting via Webex, [click this link](#). To join via telephone, please dial (415) 655-0001. Enter access code 2559 131 9617 and password 2025 when prompted.

### **1. Call to Order**

### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

### **3. Roll Call**

3.A. Please welcome new commission members Danielle DeWitt and Ashlyn Werner to the Sister Cities Commission. Ashlyn is unable to attend as she is currently with the Red Wing exchange students in Ikata, Japan. The Commission is still looking for at least two more full commissioners to join us.

### **4. Approval of Agenda**

4.A. A motion, second and majority approval is required to adopt the agenda

### **5. Approval of Minutes**

5.A. Motion to approve meeting minutes from May 28, 2025. - A motion, second and majority approval is required.

### **6. Public Comment**

We now invite anyone to share their thoughts on a topic that is not on the agenda. We welcome all opinions and ideas. We appreciate you stating your name at the lectern, and please remember that personal attacks may be ruled out of order. You will have up to three minutes to comment, and we appreciate your time in coming tonight.

### **7. Motions & General Business - Committee Reports**

7.A. Finance Report - Lisa

7.B. Ikata Student Exchange Committee Report and Update

7.B.1. Provide commissioners with an update on plans and final activity schedule for the student exchange in Red Wing

- River City Days Parade plans
- Welcome Dinner - Colvill Courtyard (needs, expenses, time, gifts for students and chaperon)
- Farewell Picnic - Baypoint (needs, expenses, time)
- Saints Game, MOA, any other changes to the schedule
- Any requests for assistance or transportation needs for any of the events while students are in Red Wing.

7.B.2. Discuss and Vote on any additional expenditures for Ikata student visit to Red Wing (i.e. MOA event)

7.C. Ikata/Quzhou Friendship Delegation Update - Lisa

It appears there is interest from the City Administration to send a government delegation to Quzhou in 2026. However, I am still awaiting final confirmation on that and final edits from the City Administrator on an e-mail response to Quzhou. We did receive another invitation from Quzhou to attend the 7th China- U.S. Sister Cities Conference from October 24-28 in Hangzhou. This was also passed along to the City Administrator. This committee will also need more members if we do move forward with planning a delegation visit in 2026 to Quzhou. It currently has just one member on it.

7.D. Young Artists and Authors Showcase Committee (YAAS) - Committee is in need of a new chair and additional members as 3/4 of the committee is at the end of their second term on the commission. The new theme has not yet been determined but for more information on the program, check out: <https://sistercities.org/yaas/2025>. Let Lisa know if you would like to be a part of this committee.

7.E. Community Visibility - Lisa and Sheena

Lots of opportunities coming up to share photos and events on social media around the student exchange to Ikata and when the Ikata students are in Red Wing.

## 8. Communication Items

8.A. **November Meeting Date or Time Change needed** - We always end up having to change our scheduled meeting date due to the holidays in November and December. However, moving our meeting to a week earlier in November puts us in the Council Chambers on the same night as Arts & Culture Commission. If we keep the meeting on November 19th, then we need to change the start time to 4:30 pm to make sure our meeting is done before theirs starts at 5:30 pm. Other options would be to move it to Wednesday, November 12 at 5 pm, Thursday, November 20 at 5:15 pm, or leaving it on Wednesday, November 26th at 5:15 (if we can make sure we will have a quorum).

## 9. Adjournment

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