



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Agenda

SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

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10:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

Amended 3/14/24 - Items d., ii.; e. & e., i. added to item 5.

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1. Call to order.
2. Roll call.
3. Introduction of new committee membership.
4. Review and approval of the previous meeting minutes from November 7, 2023.
5. Discussion, review, and/or approval of sister city relationship applications, annual reports, and/or initiatives.
 - a. Galway Ireland
 - i. Renewal application (expires 5/23/24)
 - ii. 2024 annual report (due 3/16/24)
 - b. Zadar, Croatia
 - i. 2024 annual report (due 1/24/24)
 - c. Bomet County, Kenya
 - i. 2023 annual report (due 11/11/23)
 - ii. Avocado farming initiative
 - d. Tarime District, Tanzania
 - i. 2023 annual report (due 12/11/23)
 - ii. Summer student exchange program (August 2024)
 - e. Abuja, Nigeria
 - i. Initiatives
 - f. Other

6. **Discussion, review, and/or motion(s) on prospective and current sister city relationships relative to their status and establishment.**
 - a. *Tema, Ghana*
 - i. *Local sponsorship status and support*
 - ii. *Agreement signing ceremony*
 - b. *Abuja, Nigeria*
 - i. *Signing ceremony recap*
 - c. *Kragujevac, Serbia*
 - i. *Signing ceremony recap*
 - d. *South Africa prospective relationship*
 - e. *Other*
7. **Discussion on sister city related events and/or activities.**
 - a. *Holiday Folk Fair (Nov. 17-19, 2023) recap*
 - b. *Sister Cities International conferences*
 - c. *Meet-and-greet (September 2024)*
 - d. *Other*
8. **Review and approval of the Sister Cities Committee 2023 Annual Report.**
9. **Public comments and/or announcements.**
10. **Next steps.**
 - a. *Agenda items for the next meeting*
 - b. *Set next meeting date and time*
11. **Adjournment.**

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