



City of Naperville

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Naperville, IL 60540
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Meeting Agenda Sister Cities Commission

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

6:30 PM

Meeting Room C

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL:

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

D. OLD BUSINESS:

E. REPORTS:

1. [26-0947](#) Receive an update on the Monarch Butterfly Garden project and discuss resources needed for the September 12th planting
2. [26-0950](#) Discuss and approve Sister City Commission goals
3. [26-0966](#) Approve the Sister Cities Commission meeting minutes of June 10, 2026

F. NEW BUSINESS:**G. ADJOURNMENT:**

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File #: 26-0947, **Version:** 1

Meeting Date: 8/12/2026

SISTER CITIES COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

ACTION REQUESTED:

Receive an update on the Monarch Butterfly Garden project and discuss resources needed for the September 12th planting

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

SUBMITTED BY: Marcie Schatz, Assistant to the City Manager

The Sister Cities Monarch Butterfly Garden planting date is set for September 12th at Knoch Knolls Park. Members of the Sister Cities Commission and Foundation are invited to assist in planting the garden. Informational signage will be installed by that date. The Commission should discuss the logistics of this day and any additional resources needed.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Sister Cities Foundation International Festival later that day at Central Park.



File #: 26-0950, **Version:** 1

Meeting Date: 8/12/2026

SISTER CITIES COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

ACTION REQUESTED:

Discuss and approve Sister City Commission goals

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

SUBMITTED BY: Marcie Schatz, Assistant to the City Manager

As discussed at the June meeting, Commissioners have been designated to specific roles and responsibilities in order to build and strengthen relationships with Cancun, Nitra, and Patzcuaro while also focusing on local arts, education, and business connections and projects with our Sister Cities. Commissioners shared areas of interest and have been assigned the roles below.

Sister City Foundation Liaisons

Chairman Mani
Commissioner Weaver

Education Liaisons

Commissioner Chamberlain
Commissioner Corral

Arts and Culture Liaisons

Commissioner Nilles
Commissioner See

Business and Economy Liaisons

Commissioner Leon
Commissioner Weaver

Sister Cities Research

Commissioner Nilles

Sister Cities City liaisons

Cancun - Commissioner Corral
Nitra - Commissioner Bukowski
Patzcuaro - Commissioner Leon

The Commission will set a goal for each of these categories at this meeting. Discussion of each goal will include: the goal, outcome to be achieved, scope, anticipated resources needed, any approvals required by other groups or agencies, and schedule. Updates on these goals will be discussed at each Sister Cities Commission meeting.



File #: 26-0966, **Version:** 1

Meeting Date: 8/12/2026

SISTER CITIES COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the Sister Cities Commission meeting minutes of June 10, 2026

DEPARTMENT: Mayor's Office

SUBMITTED BY: Rachel Pruneda, Assistant to the Mayor and City Council

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

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Sister Cities Commission

PUBLIC COMMENT:**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Mani called the meet to order at 6:32 p.m.

STUDENT PRESENT: Parker Chen

STUDENT ABSENT: Cameron Barrett

STAFF PRESENT: Rachel Pruneda, Marcie Schatz

Commissioner Rudolph announced at this meeting that she is resigning from her role as a Sister Cities Commissioner. Chairman Mani thanked Commissioner Rudolph for all the tremendous work she has done.

Mayor Wehrli presented Parker Chen with a certificate and letter for serving as a student representative for the 2025/2026 school year.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present 10 - Becky Rudolph, Daniel Bukowski, Joel See , Chairperson Arun Mani, Tony Chamberlain, Ashfaq Syed , Noel Corral, Jacqueline Leon, Deborah Nilles, and Tahiti Weaver

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

Chairman Mani opened Public Forum and asked if there were any speakers, there being none, Public Forum was closed.

D. OLD BUSINESS:**E. REPORTS:**

1. Presentation of the Illinois Sister Cities Association 2026 Special Recognition Award to the Sister Cities Foundation

Mayor Wehrli joined the meeting to present the Sister Cities Foundation with the Illinois Sister Cities Association 2026 Special Recognition Award for their upcoming International Festival.

2. Welcome newly appointed Commissioners to the Sister Cities Commission

Chairman Mani welcomed our newest Commissioners Jacqueline Leon, Deborah Nilles and Tahiti Weaver.

3. Receive the Project Update: Monarch Garden

Commissioner See led the discussion on scheduling a fall date to plant a variety of milkweed and flowering plants.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chamberlain, seconded by Commissioner Corral to receive the Monarch Butterfly project update. Motion passed by voice vote.

4. Update on advancing student exchange opportunities

Discussion was led by Commissioners Chamberlain and Bukowski.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bukowski, seconded by Commissioner See to receive the update on the student exchange opportunities. Motion passed by voice vote.

5. Review of Sister Cities purpose and recent work

A motion was made by Commissioner Nilles, seconded by Commissioner Chamberlain to receive the information presented to review Sister Cities purpose and recent work. Motion passed by voice vote.

6. Discuss and begin assignment of Commissioner roles and responsibilities

A motion was made by Commissioner Weaver, seconded by Commissioner Leon to accept the information provided on the roles and responsibilities. Motion passed by voice vote,

7. Receive the response on the request to select a new Sister City

A motion was made by Commissioner Chamberlain, seconded by Commissioner Weaver to receive the information provided by Staff. Motion passed by voice vote.

8. Mayor's letter to Cancun Consular Leadership

No action needed.

9. Approve the Sister Cities Commission meeting minutes of January 21, 2026

A motion was made by Commissioner Bukowski, seconded by Chamberlain to approve the January 21, 2026 Sister Cities minutes. Motion was passed by voice vote.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

G. ADJOURNMENT: