

Sister City Meeting Minutes Jan 8, 2025

City Hall, Small Conference Room

Call to Order 5:23 PM, **Roll Call, Present:** Lars Pedersen (phone), Keiko Pedersen, Russ Brewer, Judi Smith, Angie Wean, Kandi Lewis, Steve Moon (delayed)

Absent: Erin Harnish (excused), PJ Peterson (excused)

Previous meeting minutes approved unanimously after motion made by Angie.

Wako Kokusai Program Update: Keiko reports a change in timing for future visits may occur. She is in contact with Wako Kokusai and will report back once there is a firm decision. Perhaps related, we have confirmation of \$3,000 allocated in the 2025 budget for Sister City programs and discussion on fund allocation for the Wako Kokusai program or similar programs.

We tabled the items Discuss the "Implementation Plan" and "Coordinator Responsibilities and Timeline" documents until next meeting after additional review.

Atomi Student Program Planning: Keiko invites commission members to be involved during the arrival of the Atomi group this year. There will be planned greeting events and Longview city tours to participate in as in previous years.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM. Next Meeting: Feb 12, 2025, at 5:15 PM