

## Sister City Unannounced Meeting Minutes October 8, 2025

City Hall, Small Conference Room

**Call to Order** 5:15 PM, **Roll Call, Present:** Lars Pedersen, Keiko Pedersen, Russ Brewer, Steve Moon, Erin Harnish **Absent (excused):** Judi Smith, P.J. Peterson

August 13 meeting minutes approved unanimously.

Host family form: We need to follow up to ensure the Google form gets put on the city website. School outreach video pen pal program: Russ made a very well written email primer draft that we can finalize and send out.

Korean sister city program: We are still looking for a video meeting with Korea to work out what an exchange might look like. We will send an email to Chris Collins to ask about whether our liaison needs to be a city council member or just an employee of the city.

Wako program update: Due to merging of high schools, the March 15-31, 2026 program is cancelled. They look forward to working with us to find another opportunity, possibly a summer program (early to mid August). Discussion on how/if we can use city provided funds to pay for parts of a summer program (hiring teachers for lessons, etc.). Longview's turn to visit is coming up, and Wako would like to know if we can send a delegation.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.