

LONGVIEW SISTER CITY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Time: 5:15 PM

Location: City Hall, Small Conference Room

I. Call to Order

Opening remarks and welcome by the Chair.

II. Roll Call

Commission members and guests present or excused.

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the February 11, 2026 meeting minutes.

IV. Guest Speaker

1. LCC Japanese Language Class Announcement

Guest Speaker: Alyssa Brewer

- Overview of the Conversational Japanese class at Lower Columbia College
- Opportunities for connection with Sister City efforts
- Potential student engagement and cultural exchange support

V. Discussion Items

1. Wako Kokusai Program Update

- Update on Summer 2027 planning
- Early August timing considerations
- Chaperone and student logistics
- Potential coordination with Lower Columbia College
- Review of possible English or ESL course options and programming during school break

2. Atomi Visit and City Hall Follow Up

- Recap of Atomi's visit to City Hall
- Review of City support and liaison assistance
- Discussion of LV LowDown article coverage
- Impact of article and host family interest form visibility

3. Host Family Recruitment

- Status of host family outreach efforts
- Review of flyer, article placement, and QR code or form distribution
- Additional promotion opportunities through City channels, schools, and community partners
- Next steps for recruitment timeline

4. School Outreach and Video Pen Pal Program

- Update on outreach to local schools and teachers
- Follow up regarding Olympic Elementary and other possible 5th grade classrooms
- Discussion of future JIS or cultural presentations

5. Community Connections and Support

- Liaison update
- Rotary and service club engagement
- Grant opportunities and potential funding pathways
- Clarification of city role and community partner responsibilities

VI. Action Items

- Review of assigned tasks and follow ups
- Confirmation of responsibilities and deadlines before the next meeting

VII. New Business

Open floor for additional discussion items from commission members.

VIII. Adjournment

Confirm date and time for the next meeting.