



Agenda

Sister City Commission Meeting
Wednesday, July 15, 2026 - 4:30 PM
City Hall - Room 404

Roll Call

Minutes

- A. Approval of the April 15, 2026, Sister City Commission Minutes.

Clonmel Update, Recommendation to Receive and File

- A. Clonmel's New Mayor
B. Peoria Irish Fest
C. Other

Friedrichshafen Update, Recommendation to Receive and File

- A. 50th Anniversary Celebrations in Peoria
- 17 Guests spend several days in Peoria in June
 - Very successful, in terms of impressions and Peoria(ns) made on our guests
 - Friedrichshafen City Hall and Zeppelin Company guess particularly engaged
 - Sister City ties definitely solidified
- B. Youth Exchange 2026
- Three Youths participating, along with new chaperones
 - July 15th-August 6th
- C. 50th Anniversary Celebrations in Friedrichshafen
- 40 participants in Friedrichshafen, September 30th-October 5th
 - 19 of those in Munich for Oktoberfest as guests of the Zeppelin Company
 - More Programs to come
- D. Member Events
- Peoria Soccer Games - July 11th
 - Old Mill Vineyard in Metamora - August 23rd*
 - Raclette Dinner Party at my house - October 25th*
 - Peoria or Chicago Christkindlemarkt - November 21th*
 - German Dinner at Avanti's in Pekin - TBD*

(* - proposed events)

Benxi Update, Recommendation to Receive and File

- A. No Report
- B. Other

Aytou Update, Recommendation to Receive and File

- A. Update on conditions in Lebanon
- B. July 2026 - Peoria group in Aytou for three weeks. FOA entrance sign.
- C. Creating an annual school scholarship for Aytou students
- D. Aytou Relief Fund Updates - continue to send about \$3,000.00 to Aytou each month
- E. 59th Annual Itoo Shish-ka-bob: June 28th
- F. Other

Other

- A. Peoria Chinese Association - Update on potential Sister City relationship with the High-Tech District of Wuxi, China
- B. Dragon Boats Update
 - Two new boats are currently being shipped
 - We will have three dragon boats racing on Sunday, September 13th.
 - One boat will be displayed on the Go Day stage from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- C. Wuxi Delegation Trip
 - 11 members from Wuxi, China are scheduled to arrive on the afternoon of September 12th
 - They will be participating in the dragon boat races on September 13th, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
 - They have invited the Sister City Commission members, including representatives from Caterpillar to dinner on the evening of September 12th.
 - They are also interested in meeting up on September 12th and 13th
- D. The Wuxi delegation is planning to depart for Chicago late in the afternoon on September 13th. Council Member Dr. Andre Allen is interested in meeting them and attending a Peoria Chiefs baseball game, taking them to the Peoria Riverfront Museum and touring Grandview Drive. He suggested we speak with President J.D. about obtaining baseball tickets.
- E. The Wuxi delegation is finalizing the shipment of silk products for the cultural exhibition, and Peoria Fashion Week plans to provide 15 models for the silk fashion show. The delegation is working on securing their visa.

Citizens' Opportunity to Address the Commission

Next Scheduled Meeting

Wednesday October 21, 2026, at 4:30 PM.

Adjournment

