

**Sister Cities Planning Meeting
30th Anniversary and Twinning Protocol
April 10, 2025**

Attendees:

Commission Members

Lillian Mosier
Jill Wood-Naatz
Terri Lamberti
David Chameli
Jeff Howard
Lisa Christie
Ken Campbell
Mimi Wise

Special Guest

Mayor William McLeod

Village Liaison

Debbie Schoop

Comite Des Jumelages-Angouleme

Danielle Roche

1. Welcome, Introductions and Purpose of our Meeting

Lillian spoke about Mayor McLeod going to Angouleme next July as part of the delegation going to France next year. Mayor McLeod indicated that he will consider going.

The mayor of Angouleme will be unable to attend any festivities here in 2026 due to upcoming elections.

A joint meeting of the Mayors cannot happen until 2027.

Lillian will forward any recommendations regarding bylaws and agreements to Angouleme Mayor Xavier Bonnefont and Mayor McLeod.

Jill requested that the proposed Peace Pole include French.

2. Soccer-Lillian

Lillian spoke about the 15 girls and 3 adults who are currently here from Angouleme. They are attending school which is focused on athletics as well as studies in France.

It would not be feasible for those girls to host U.S. students as most of them live a great distance from their school. However, the school could possibly host depending on when the exchange would occur, (possibly June or July 2026).

Ken will speak with the principal at HEHS about possible sending girls from District 211 schools.

Lillian will speak to Coach Sylvie from Angouleme regarding this as well.

3. Comic Exchange-Terri and David

Terri and David spoke about the C2E2 event that happens in Chicago each year. In 2024, we hosted 2 guests from Angouleme. In 2025 we sent 2 guests there from Hoffman Estates. We are planning on hosting from March 27-29, 2026 and already have an itinerary.

David asked if it was possible for our commission members to be in direct contact with the organizers of their comic festival to arrange for signage, posters, etc. for our booth?

Danielle Roche was at the event in 2025 to assist with the translation and any questions.

David will reach out to Xavier to assist with communications and the possibility of doing some type of community events and visiting a school.

4. Runners-Lisa

Lisa and Mimi spoke regarding Mayor McLeod attending the Stars and Stripes race in June. There were questions about what our runners do in Angouleme and if there is any recognition.

Will Angouleme do anything special next year to recognize our runners that are attending the 30th anniversary of our two villages?

5. Culinary-Jill and Jeff

Jill and Jeff spoke regarding whether we should invite a Chef from Angouleme to participate in October, 2026 to celebrate our 30th anniversary. Could we plan Angouleme week with different community events in 2026?

We will consider doing a special dinner in 2027 to accommodate the Angouleme Mayor visiting Hoffman Estates.

6. General Ideas for Honoring our 30th Anniversary

June 21st each year is National Music Day. Lillian reported that Marcia and Robin suggested that we do some type of musical exchange possible in 2026.

7. Review Protocol

Lillian will provide an update regarding suggested protocol changes between Angouleme and Hoffman Estates next week at our monthly Sister Cities meeting, after reviewing them with Danielle.

**Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Howard**