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SANTA FE SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

May 13, 2015

City Councilor's Meeting Room

4:00 – 5:00 pm

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Goals of Santa Fe's Sister Cities Committee

- More effectively market who sister cities is and what they do
- Develop educational programs in schools
- Strengthen relationships w/ existing sister cities
- Involve greater community in work/activities of sister cities
- Re-enforce and build existing relationships through trade and tourism efforts

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes – April 8, 2015
4. Report of Staff
5. Report of Chair – Carol Robertson Lopez
6. Committee Updates
7. Other Items
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1. Call to Order

Present

Carol Robertson Lopez, Chair

Dr. Jeff Case

Arthur Olivas

Bernard Rubenstein

Gilbert Delgado

Kim Song

Ling Tong

Carl Moore

Excused

Rudy Fernandez

Cathy Magni

Lauren Komer, Student Representative

Others Present

Julie Bystrom, Staff Liaison, Project Manager

Anna Serrano for Fran Lucero, Stenographer

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Delgado moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Mr. Rubenstein, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. Approval of Minutes – April 8, 2015

Mr. Rubenstein moved to approve the minutes of April 8, 2015 as presented, second by Mr. Delgado, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. Report of Staff

The Airport Art Project is still in the approval stages. Mr. Rubenstein asked if the Sister Cities Committee can approve. Ms. Bystrom informed the committee that they approve the design; all other approvals come from the Mayor and Council for budgetary reasons.

Mr. Rubenstein received an e-mail from Mr. Tadfor regarding the African festival, the date for the festival is October 10, 2015. Ms. Bystrom said that it might be too cold during that time of year at the Railyard.

5. Report of Chair – Carol Robertson Lopez

The Chair informed the committee members that the Mayor would like more flesh added to the goals, documenting more specifics to the goals. Mr. Moore stated that people generating ideas are relevant to the enhancement of the goals and therefore the committee members should expand their ideas and provide input. Ms. Bystrom will e-mail the minutes for this meeting to the members absent in order to receive their feedback.

The Chair and Dr. Case have just returned from Incheon, Korea. Beautiful visit, hosts were very accommodating. Attending the Ceramic Festival made her understand how impressive the ceramic work is.

6. Committee Updates

Dr. Case provided a report on Education. His request to the Chair was if there was any opportunity to seek funding in discussion with Rudy Fernandez. The Chair recommended that a separate meeting away from the Sister Cities Committee meeting be scheduled to research funding mechanisms to bring a Teacher from Incheon to Santa Fe. A report will follow at the next meeting.

The Chair reported that in Korea there was discussion at the banquet that the relationship with Santa Fe Sister Cities had cooled off due to the cancellation of the ceramic festival that Santa Fe was going to host. Ms. Song voiced her opinion and said that ever since Mr. Lee was taken off the communication list, she has no idea what the status is. Ms. Song said if she had been able to travel there on behalf of the city, possibly more could have gotten done. Ms. Song said that the key player's have changed due to the government transition. She asked, "whose role is it to re-communicate with these people?" The Chair said that is why they spent so much time in this last trip to rekindle the relationship. Ms. Song said that the new person who has taken over for Mr. Lee needs training.

Mr. Moore said that it would be extremely beneficial to our community if there were travel funds available for the Sister Cities Committee members to travel and strengthen this relationship. Mr. Moore wanted to make a motion to this affect. This was not possible as it was not listed as an Agenda item.

The Chair has invited Ms. Garcia y Griego to attend the next meeting so she can explain the use and parameters of spending the city's money.

The Chair said that Omar is the European Sister City.

Dr. Case asked if we did get the Teacher and 8 students from Incheon what are the rules and regulations from Transit to get them around the city at no cost.

The Chair asked staff to place this topic on transportation for next month's meeting when Ms. Garcia y Griego is in attendance.

Mr. Rubenstein informed the committee that the Sister Cities International Association is trying to put together a trip to Cuba. Mr. Rubenstein is interested in any participants. On July 7th there will be a Pastors for Peace Cuban Caravan and Pastor Dean Thomas from the Presbyterian Church in Cuba will send items for distribution. The new Pastor is Tony Ahha. Mr. Rubenstein said he would like to discuss further events that could possibly be held on the Plaza and welcomes input from the committee.

The Chair asked if there has been any correspondence between Mayor Gonzales and Mayor from Holguin. Mr. Rubenstein said it is best to wait until their political transition is settled before we send any communications.

Mr. Olivas asked if there are any other cities interested from Cuba to be a Sister City. Mr. Rubenstein said that the Cuba Sister City Association has a list and he will try to retrieve to share with members.

Mr. Moore – Holguin does Russian Ballet Malakoff. In the last 2 years people came from all over Cuba to dance. September is a bad time to go to Cuba as it is Hurricane season and the festival takes place the 1st week in May.

Mr. Rubenstein mentioned that Mr. Joe Hayes from Santa Fe said that the Cultural Brigade was bussed when they went to help after Hurricane Sandy.

Ms. Tong said at this time there was not much happening. The letter was received but no response on the school request. The Chair asked if we should give it more time. Ms. Tong said we should continue to ask and requests have to go through the schools so the scope of whom we have to send the letters to should be reviewed. Dr. Case said that 2 years ago there was great interest to create a school relationship, we should pursue.

Kim Song – Not much to report. When the schools were here they also asked about a teacher from Incheon. This relationship needs to be nourished and pursued with Incheon. When the Mayor in Incheon took office there were massive layoffs so the city is going through a government transition.

Mr. Olivas – It has been very quiet for Japan. Okayama, Osaka and Hiroshima are along the middle spine of the country and they are all Sister Cities.

Mr. Delgado: Spain - St. Mike's High school will have two exchange students coming from Spain in the fall. The Chair asked Mr. Delgado if he could get the name of the new Mayor in Spain so Mayor Gonzales can send a congratulatory letter to him.

The Chair asked staff to let the Mayor know that Mr. Delgado can help when the group comes from San Miguel Allende.

Dr. Case – Trip to Zambia has been postponed, Dr. Case continues to communicate via e-mail with Emmanuel. The Chair suggested a Skype visit but the hours overlap. Dr. Case said that the Sister Cities Youth Author Showcase has named Reina Wellman as the Author because of her skills, very impressive resume. She should be recognized by the Mayor or the Sister Cities Committee for what she wrote. She is the daughter of Axle Contemporary which is a mobile museum.

Youth Leadership conference in July for a student from Santa Fe – it might be too late to raise the money for the student to travel and attend.

Dr. Case and Mr. Delgado attended the conference at St. John's College and it was excellent, great speakers.

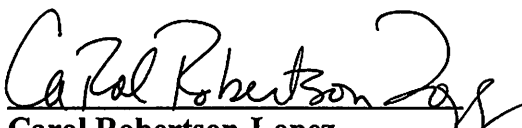
7. Other Items

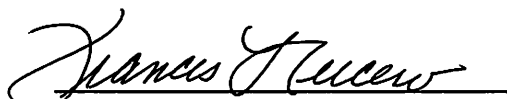
Mr. Moore asked that discussion for a Booth/ Poster dissemination at the Folk Art Festival be placed on the Agenda to discuss at next meeting.

8. Adjournment

The Chair called for adjournment at 5:00 pm

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Carol Robertson-Lopez *w/changes approved*


Frances Lucero, Stenographer