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SANTA FE SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

September 17, 2014

City Councilors' Meeting Room

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes – August 13, 2014
4. Report of Chair – Carol Robertson Lopez
 - a. Discussion of Goals
5. Report of Staff
6. Committee Updates
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SANTA FE SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 17, 2014
City Councilors' Meeting Room
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The Chair, Carol Robertson Lopez, called the Santa Fe Sister Cities Committee meeting to order at 4:00 pm. A quorum was declared by roll call.

Present:

Carol Robertson Lopez
Rudy Fernandez
Dr. Jeff Case
Ling Tong
Carl Moore
Arthur Olivas
Gilbert Delgado

Not Present:

Bernard Rubenstein, excused
Kim Song, excused
Cathy Magni, excused

Lauren Komer, Student Representative

Others Present:

Julie Bystrom, Staff Liaison
Anna Serrano for Fran Lucero, Stenographer

Introduction of Guests:

Kamajon Tadfor from West Africa.
Sarah & Abby from Desert Academy

II. Approval of Agenda

Guest Kamajon Tadfor from West Africa and Sarah & Abby from Desert Academy will be heard under #7.

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

III. Approval of Minutes
August 13, 2014

Corrections:

Page 4, last paragraph: Lino Pertusini from Osteria is the Honorary Counsel for Italy

Mr. Fernandez moved to approve the minutes of August 13, 2014 as amended, second by Mr. Delgado, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. Report of the Chair – Carol Robertson Lopez

The Chair reported that she was invited to the Embassy Dinner for the Bukhara Sister Cities event in Washington, DC. The Chair met the US Ambassador to Uzbekistan, George Cole who is being replaced by the woman who is the Ambassador to Kyrgyzstan. The Chair has agreed to help the group who is coming to Albuquerque from Pustaka Zambia; they are coming to sign their sister city agreement with Mayor Berry and would like to come up for the day to Santa Fe. The Chair will keep Ms. Bystrom and the committee members informed.

V. Report of Staff

Ms. Bystrom said they continue to work on the airport sign program. Ms. Bystrom has not heard from Bukhara, Livingston, Santa Fe Granada Spain and San Miguel. Ms. Bystrom invited the committee members to get involved in contacting the cities to secure the information is necessary. The Chair offered to do Bukhara. Dr. Case commented that staff needs to continue to work on the sister city Livingston Zambia. Dr. Case said that they would like to make contact with the schools in Livingston. Ms. Bystrom said she has sent an e-mail to the Mayor's of these countries.

The request is to get the coat of arms or official seal for the airport sign project.

Ms. Bystrom reported on behalf of Cathy regarding the Friends of Italy Sister City Pot Luck. This function will be held on September 26th from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Cathy has asked for RSVP to be sent to her e-mail. At that meeting they are going to talk about the film festival and some of their goals. The Italian Santa Fe Sister City group would like for the Sister Cities Committee members to play an active role in the film festival. Cathy can provide more information.

Ms. Bystrom informed the committee about Fiesta Fela which is being hosted by Africa Santa Fe. Mr. Tadfor is the representative of that group and they would like Sister Cities committee to be involved.

Mr. Kamajon Tadfor

Mr. Tadfor introduced himself and said Africa Santa Fe will host this festival for the 4th year. Mr. Tadfor said they are working to increase their visibility. Africa Santa Fe is pleased that there is a sister city in Africa and they would like to get involved. He said that there are approximately 20 representatives on the African Committee but

there are about 100 Africans living in Santa Fe. The organization does not have any money and they are looking for funding from the city of Santa Fe. The Chair said that the request is late for this fiscal year but they should contact the city the next fiscal year. The Chair asked Mr. Tadfor to send any information they have electronically to her and she will put it on the website and on Sister City Facebook page. The Chair also said if at all possible they could request a proclamation declaring October 11th African Festival Day in Santa Fe and invite them to the City Council meeting. Ma. Bystrom was directed to work with Kamajon to discuss the deadlines. The Chair said next year for the festival they could invite the sister city from Africa to come to Santa Fe. City Council meetings are televised and this would get the word out on the Fiesta Fela. The Chair also offered to take the information to the Folk Art Market meeting and said that Dr. Case and herself are involved in the Mandela school. The Chair said she would arrange an introduction to Tony Gerlich who is the Chief Learner at the Mandela school as many of their students will want to come to the festival. It was noted that the Chair is on the Board of Directors for the Folk Art Market. The Chair did recommend having a youth member of their board, as they are so proficient in social media.

VI. Committee Updates

a. Cuba – Bernard Rubenstein
No report at this time.

b. Parral, Mexico – Rudy Fernandez
No report at this time.

c. Dr. Jeff Case
Dr. Case restated that his goal for this school year to initiate the young artist showcase and they will work with the Washington, DC model on this. Dr. Case has sent e-mail correspondence to fellow art teachers that he knows and will continue to follow up on this project. Young Artist Showcase is for visual drawings, has things to do with Peace and Love but it could be things which are icons here in Santa Fe for example, the Santa Fe Plaza motif, could be Zhang Jai Jie, could be the yellow cave or something like that, and integrated thought with any two cities. The obligation of the Sister City Committee would be to disseminate it in to the schools and to get teachers excited about this and collect entries around April 15th. Entries would be brought to city hall and a selection would be made as the top winner to send on to Washington, DC and they would receive an award of \$1000. The criteria for selection will need to be worked out. Dr. Case has spoken with the NMSA and there is an interest. The Chair asked Dr. Case to bring back a timeline and a program plan on how the Sister Cities Committee could help. Dr. Case added that the woman in DC who is handling the youth showcase did send what is referred to as the “tumbler” which shows entries from last year.

Dr. Case informed the committee that he is not receiving any response from his outreach to Livingston. It has been a year since they came to Santa Fe and the interest and energy from Santa Fe was very positive with the delegation that came from Livingston.

d. Ling Tong – Zhang Jia Jie

E-mail has been received from Zhang Jia Jie and they would like to send a delegation to Santa Fe and are requesting a letter of invitation from the city. The question was that they had received a response from Julie that a letter could not be issued at this time, what is the reason?

Ms. Bystrom updated the committee that Ms. Garcia y Griego presented the request to the Mayor as the group wanted to come very soon. The response was that the Mayor is not issuing invitations right now, he would like to take the time to review our complete sister city programming in the city and the protocol.

The Chair recommended a meeting with the Mayor to discuss the request and to create a response back to Zhang Jia Jie and other requests that come in from our sister cities to send delegations to Santa Fe.

e. Gilbert Delgado

Mr. Delgado reported that Marcy Sullivan, President of the School Board has resigned at St. Mikes and has taken another job in St. Louis. The committee that had been formed at St. Mikes included the Principal, Marcy and one other teacher. Mr. Delgado has followed up to get a status on the work in progress and it may be a while to get confirmation that the new President will take this place.

f. Tsuyama, Japan – Arthur Olivas
(No report at this time)

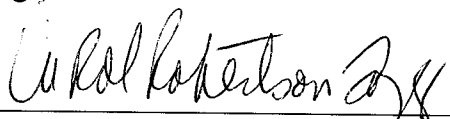
g. Lauren Komer – Youth Report
(No report at this time)

VII. Other Items
None

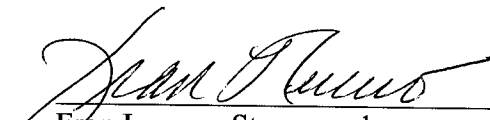
VIII. Adjournment

There being no further action to discuss at the Sister Cities Committee meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm

Signature:



Carol Robertson Lopez, Chair



Fran Lucero, Stenographer

To: Julie Bystrom, Arts Commission

Cathy Magni, Sorrento Sister City

From: The Santa Fe Festival Committee of the New Mexico Italian Film & Cultural Festival

Re: NM Italian Film & Cultural Festival 2015

The 8th annual NM Italian Film & Cultural Festival (2015) will commence in Santa Fe, NM with a movie and opening reception on Thursday, February 5, 2015. This evening is the first of 3 events, featuring 3 Italian films, to be held in the City Different. The Festival continues with a film and food sponsor supported dining on Friday and ends with a benefit dinner for the UNM Children's Hospital on Saturday, February 7. On Sunday, the Festival moves to Albuquerque, where it continues through February 15.

Last year we were delighted to have the support and sponsorship of Sorrento Sister City. Our marketing and sponsorship opportunities are greatly enhanced by having the NM Sister Cities Programs as an ally. This year, with an expanded program to promote and enjoy, we ask again for the endorsement and support from the NM Sister Cities Programs. We would be delighted to publish a formal letter of support in our Festival brochure. As well, there are several levels of sponsorship that would heighten the involvement of the Sister Cities Programs, including the \$500 Medaglia d'Oro Sponsorship that along with special mention in the Festival brochure provides links to your website via our website and places your name in all our social media. Of course, any level of support is greatly appreciated and most welcomed.

The Santa Fe Festival Committee is comprised of an entirely volunteer staff of community residents, dedicated to the diffusion of Italian culture within the state of New Mexico and to the mission of the UNM Children's Hospital.