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SANTA FE SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE
April 8, 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 – March11, 2015
4. Report of Staff
5. Report of Chair – Carol Robertson Lopez
6. Committee Updates
7. Other Items
8. Adjournment

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MINUTES

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1. Call to Order

Present
Carol Robertson Lopez, Chair
Rudy Fernandez
Dr. Jeff Case
Arthur Olivas
Bernard Rubenstein
Cathy Magni
Gilbert Delgado

Excused
Kim Song
Ling Tong
Carl Moore
Lauren Komer

Others Present
Julie Bystrom, Staff Liaison, Project Manager
Fran Lucero, Stenographer

2. Approval of Agenda
Request to add discussion on Mr. Drew Bacigalupa under Committee Updates

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

3. Approval of Minutes – March 11, 2015

   Mr. Fernandez moved to approve the minutes of March 11, 2015 as presented, second by Ms. Magni, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. Report of Staff – Julie Bystrom
   Exhibit for City Hall and Airport is coming along great. The Contractor, Discovery, will have a schematic within the next week. The scope of work has been changed to include installation. The project needs to be completed before the end of the fiscal year for budgetary reasons. The Chair would like to have an installation date in order to schedule a ceremony for both locations, City Hall and the Santa Fe Airport.

   Dr. Case said that when we do any correspondence we should make reference to our airport with the proper notoriety. We refer to the Albuquerque Sunport as an International Airport and we should have the correct title for the Santa Fe Airport.

   It was recommended that Ms. Bystrom also be in contact with the Architect for the Santa Fe Airport to assure that the placement of our exhibit is placed appropriately or taken into consideration under their renovation plan.

   Mr. Olivas also recommended that when planning begins for the function; it would be nice to have children in their sister city outfits. Also, music from our sister cities would be festive and appropriate.

   Ms. Bystrom said a nice letter has been received from the Mayor of Zhang Jia Jai to Mayor Gonzales; relationship has been nurtured.

   Ms. Bystrom received e-mail from Mr. Tadford on Fiesta Fila (African Festival) and he wanted to know what kind of participation the Sister City Committee would like to be involved in this year. He said they are thinking about bringing Artists from Livingston. A date was not provided, last year it was in the summer months.

   The Chair would like to find a way to be a sponsor and have the name of Sister Cities out there as the African Community are a link to our Sister City. We may want to have them come to the City Council, anything we can do to market Sister Cities and market international event is important.

   Dr. Case said it would be nice to get a school involved to possibly do an exhibit on Livingston and have a table to showcase Livingston. Possibly add photos from the last Livingston visit to create awareness.

   Mr. Olivas said that we should focus on Zambia and Livingston, and possibly have a Sister City booth at the festival. The Chair was pleased with this recommendation. It

would also be nice to dress in cultural attire. The Chair would also like to send the date of the festival to Albuquerque and it could be sent through the Cultural opportunities.

Mr. Rubenstein also recommended having some type of technology to be able to do live connection to Livingston – possibly through Skype. Time zones should be researched and considered.

5. Report of Chair – Carol Robertson Lopez
   The Chair and Dr. Case will be going to Incheon, Korea on behalf of Mayor Gonzales and Councilor Ives. (Dr. Case and the Chair will cover their own expenses for this trip.) The Chair will reach out to Secretary Gonzales for some New Mexico books. The Chair would like Ms. Bystrom to research the purchase of these books for presentation purposes. They can be purchased at Collected Works.

   San Miguel de Allende visitors have delayed their visit and will be here in July 2015, during the Folk Art Festival. Mr. Delgado will help with San Miguel de Allende delegation. Last year Mr. Delgado hosted the delegation from Ecuador and made a good friend.

   The Chair asked the committee if they could assist during the Folk Art Festival. Please contact the Chair for dates of availability. Thank you.

6. Committee Updates
   Mr. Bernard Rubenstein – Cuba
   The Chair said thank you for the great letter to the Editor on Baseball.
   President Obama is heading to the Latin American Conference in Panama and we are awaiting that Cuba will be taken off the terrorist list which will open up opportunities again. Wonderful positive changes happening in Cuba! It would be nice to have the baseball team from Cuba come to Santa Fe.

   Dr. Case expressed his thanks to Mr. Rubenstein for bringing visibility to Sister Cities through the letter to the Editor.

   Mr. Rudy Fernandez – Parral, Mexico
   Mr. Fernandez said that a formal letter of invitation would need to be sent to the delegation from Parral, Mexico who will come to Santa Fe for the Santa Fe Fiesta. We should include the day before and the day after for travel purposes. Fiesta is in September, the weekend after Labor Day. Mr. Fernandez would also like some help with hosting the delegation. Talking about baseball, Parral also has a great baseball team.

   Arthur Olivas – The JIN Festival was great and very well attended. The Tea Festival was high in count. The Chair would like to have the Mayor invited next year. If the Mayor does attend it would be nice if they could bring dancers to open up the event.

Cathy Magni – Reported that the loss of Andrea (Drew) Bacigalupa has saddened many. A service was also held in Sorrento, Italy in his memory. Ms. Magni and Mr. Delgado attended the memorial services. Mr. Delgado said that Andrea was such an honorable man and the Sister City members were so happy that they honored Andrea last year. The portrait will be kept with the family, as portraits cannot be displayed in city buildings. Andrea Bacigalupa Gallery was one of the 1st and oldest established galleries on Canyon Road.

Dr. Case said that in reading the obituary he reiterated that Drew was such an honorable man. Dr. Case recommended that a Scholarship fund be established in memory of Andrea Bacigalupa and the uses and award criteria can be worked on. The Bacigalupa family would need to be contacted to discuss this opportunity.

Dr. Case talked about the Art Contest – Young Artist Showcase. We will have an entry for the showcase by Reina. Dr. Case provided information on her background. We will send visual arts, poetry and fiction entries.

Dr. Case is working on an exchange for the New Mexico School of Arts with Incheon. Details and negotiations are in the works, more information to follow. Dr. Case said that we would start light with a small group and grow this year after year. They would study general classes with the Santa Fe group and expose them to the culture in Santa Fe.

Dr. Case said that in conversation with Mr. Fernandez they would like to do some Spanish articles from our Santa Fe students and do an exchange. We have four sister cities speaking Spanish.

Gilbert Delgado – Santa Fe Spain
As noted at last meeting, the President of St. Michael's High School left and there is a new President who is getting acclimated. There has been some conflicting information between Santa Fe and Santa Fe Spain but we are getting back on track. Mr. Delgado will stay in contact with Marita to get updated information on the Mayor. Mr. Delgado has high hopes of 2 students coming for the next school years.

7. Other Items
   None

8. Adjournment

   There being no further business to come before the Sister Cities committee, Mr. Olivas moved to adjourn at 5:00 pm, second by Mr. Rubenstein, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Carol Robertson-Lopez

Frances Lucero, Stenographer