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SANTA FE SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

June 10, 2015

City Councilors' 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
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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes – May 13, 2015
4. Report of Staff
5. Report of Chair – Carol Robertson Lopez
 - a. Discussion of Strategic Plan
 - b. Zhang Jia Jie Visit Update
 - c. Folk Art Market Visit Update
6. Committee Updates
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1. Call to Order

Ms. Carol Robertson-Lopez, Chair for the Sister Cities Committee called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm in the City Councilor's Conference Room. A quorum is reflected in roll call.

Present

Carol Robertson Lopez, Chair

Dr. Jeff Case

Arthur Olivas

Bernard Rubenstein

Gilbert Delgado

Rudy Fernandez

Cathy Magni

Carol Moore

Excused

Kim Song, Excused

Ling Tong, Excused

Lauren Komer, Student Representative, Excused

Others Present

Raina Wellman, freshman, R/SD (Rhode Island School of Design)

Nina Mastrangelo (Raina's Mom)

Julie Bystrom, Staff Liaison, Project Manager

Fran Lucero, Stenographer

WELCOME

Ms. Mastrangelo and Raina Wellman were welcomed by the Sister Cities Committee members. Congratulations to Raina who has submitted an art piece to the National Sister Cities Convention for the Young Artist Showcase. Dr. Case expressed his support and gratitude to Raina for participating and representing Santa Fe. Raina has been accepted and will be a freshman at the Rhode Island School of Design.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes – May 13, 2015

Corrections:

Page 3: No. 6 – 6th sentence: ~~have3~~ have

Page 3: last Paragraph: 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~~ to support visits to Santa Fe for one teacher from Korea.

Page 4: 7th Paragraph: Malakoff Festival will be held in September 2015 in Holguin.
(Replace complete paragraph.)

Page 4: 5th paragraph – 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 to Cuba. The new Pastor is Tony ~~Ahha~~ Aja.

Mr. Rubenstein said it is best to wait until ~~their~~ a political transition *between the US and Cuba* is settled before we send any communication.

Mr. Delgado moved to approve the minutes of May 13, 2015 as amended, second by Mr. Olivas, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. Report of Staff – Julie Bystrom

- Letter of invitation has been sent to six representatives from Zhang Jia Jie to visit in August or September.
- Letter of invite has been sent to the representative in Bukhara.
- Letter of congratulations has been sent by Mayor Gonzales to the Mayor of Sorrento.
- Letter has been sent to the Transportation Department to discuss transportation needs for visitors around Santa Fe.

- Julie Bystrom will attend Sister Cities International Conference with the Chair. It will be held in Minneapolis and the educational guidance received at this conference is invaluable.

Ms. Bystrom reported on the Sister Cities Exhibit Project. Ms. Bystrom passed around a photo of the proposed wall and a schematic of the final project and the panels. The one question the contractor has is if the Sister Cities committee would like to move forward with the installation of the exhibit at the airport and then bring it down during construction at the airport or are the wishes to wait until the construction is done.

The Chair said she would like to have the airport exhibit put up now and the committee supports moving forward at this time. To secure the space now is important.

Mr. Rubenstein would like an electronic version of the design schematic. Ms. Bystrom will wait until the exhibit is in place before sending the schematic.

5. Report of Chair – Carol Robertson Lopez

a. Discussion of Strategic Plan

The Chair met with Ms. Garcia y Griego and a lengthy discussion was held regarding the budget status for the Arts Commission. Ms. Garcia y Griego said that it is best right now to wait out the process for the budget to be in place. The Chair asked if we could fund two teachers and her answer was yes.

The Chair also addressed the letter to China. Dr. Case was extremely helpful in creating the educational objectives to include in the letter and it was approved and sent on to the Mayor. Timeline was stressed on the importance of close coordination and processing of information since the SCC only meets once a month. The Chair stated that it will take coordination with Ms. Bystrom and other committee members in the event that the Chair is not available to expedite the process of the letter. It was noted that Sister City's expect invitations in a reasonable amount of time in order to process their travel documents. It is important for us to be sensitive about the planning process for our Sister City representatives to come to our country. The fee can be substantial for them to travel to the US and if the City of Santa Fe can be thoughtful of the timeline when we send the invitations it allows them the appropriate time to accept the invitation and arrange for their travel. Thank you to Ms. Bystrom in getting the China letter out.

The Mayor from Bukhara has responded and will be visiting Santa Fe. In addition to the Mayor of Bukhara, the Ambassador from Uzbekistan is coming.

The Chair suggested having a meeting very soon with Mr. Olivas to discuss the goals and objectives of the Sister City Committee.

b. Zhang Jia Jie Visit Update

Ms. Bystrom noted that they have informed their representatives of preferable dates for them to visit Santa Fe. We have asked them to plan for a 2-day visit and the Chair provided a verbal agenda outline for the members to consider. The Chair said that International visitors have been very happy with the Drury Inn of Santa Fe for housing based on their rates and the complimentary breakfast and evening food.

Dr. Case asked if there would be any type of formal welcome reception for the out of country sister city guests. The Chair said yes, plans will be forthcoming and many of those activities will be held throughout the Folk Art Market. Protocol and program planning will continue and the Chair will stay in contact with the Sister City Committee members. The Chair also said that there are other market events that the visiting dignitaries will be invited to.

c. Folk Art Market Visit Update

The market is looking great this year. We are disappointed that we are not at the Railyard this year but it was cost prohibitive. The Chair said that we will continue to work on this for next year in hopes to return to the Railyard.

Mr. Moore said he would like to see a marker on the booths for the out of country vendors that would indicate it is a Sister City. The Chair will follow up with staff to proceed in creating some type of marker. The Chair said we are not sure who is coming from Italy at this time.

The Chair will work with staff to identify items for next meeting agenda.

6. Committee Updates

Mr. Rubenstein reported that on Tuesday night, July 7th from 6 pm – 8 pm at St. Bedes, the Cuba Caravan will have food and festivities and invited Sister Cities Committee members to attend. More information can be found at ifco.org (Pastors for Organization).

Mr. Fernandez said he received an e-mail from the former Mayor in Parral, Mexico. (Read Verbatim) They are very interested in working with Santa Fe Community College and other educational institutions. Dr. Case will work with Mr. Fernandez to coordinate this relationship and/or initial communications/appointment. Mr. Fernandez said that he does know that the Mayor of Parral is coming for the Santa Fe Fiesta.

Review Santa Fe: Mr. Moore said that photographers from all over the world will be showing their work at the Santa Fe Convention Center on Friday (6-8 pm). Congratulations to Mr. Moore who is one of the recognized artists.

Dr. Case has a group of teachers going to Turkey. It is a 2-week study trip; the teachers will work on a curriculum project to bring back to Santa Fe. It is sponsored by a Turkish Foundation that has made a commitment and investment in Education.

Dr. Case asked about the possibility of securing a PO for transportation for the Korean students. Ms. Bystrom will look in to this.

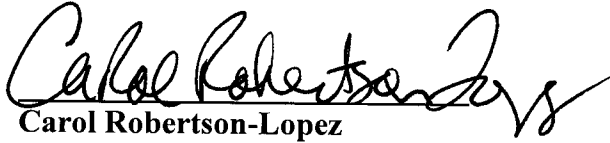
7. Other Items

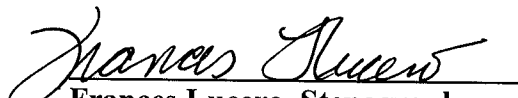
None

8. Adjournment

The Chair called for adjournment at 5:15 pm

Signature Page:


Carol Robertson-Lopez


Frances Lucero, Stenographer