



Agenda

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SANTA FE SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

TOURISM Santa Fe Administrative Conference Room

Santa Fe Community Convention Center

4:00 – 5:00pm

505-955-6707

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

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SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018
4:00 pm to 5:05 pm

Goals of the Sister Cities Committee

- More effectively market what Sister Cities is and what we do
- Development of educational programs in schools
- Strengthen our relationships with existing Sister Cities
- Involve greater community in work and activities of Sister Cities
- Re-enforce and build existing relationships through trade and tourism efforts

1. CALL TO ORDER

Sister Cities Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair, Carol Robertson-Lopez at 4:00 pm; Administrative Conference Room, Tourism Santa Fe. A quorum is reflected under roll call.

After Roll Call the Chair introduced perspective members and allowed them to introduce themselves:

Rhonda Pott – I am a Civil Engineer, R. Pott & Associates, retired from the Department of Transportation. Dr. Case stated that Rhonda was the one of the first female graduates with a Mechanical Civil Engineer Degree from New Mexico State University. She was the first exchange students in Rotary, first female in 1987 and she was very interested in International work and travel. She does a great deal of work in Southeast Asia with Together we Can Change the World helping woman and children, mainly giving woman and girls and opportunity for education so they can live an independent life.

Sky Stith: Has a non-profit called SEED, Source for Education Empowerment and Community Development. They currently have a Youth Mentorship Program called INSPIRE. They reach out to about 100 kids across the city that they link up with mentors in the community and work together once a week for a year, they do a project that shows the cases that they have done by the end of the year. She loves international travel as well and open to doing educational exchanges and ready to help Sister Cities have a stronger presence internationally.

Jackie Camborde provided a short introduction.

Carlene Kerry, currently teaching World History at the Santa Fe Indian School. Coming to teaching is a 5th career after having lived in other places east of Santa Fe. Grew up in Washington, DC where her parents were active with International business, which she became more interested through their involvement. She is very excited to be part of the Sister City Committee and hoping to learn more information that she can share with her students who are very parochial. They

don't realize how important their experiences are with people throughout the world.

Judge Ann Yardman: Retired and has more time on her hands. She knows under Mayor Coss that he brought over some people from Livingston, particularly the fireman and she felt that there should be more that we should be doing. There is a lot that Livingston really needs; how to do it is a far away place and interesting. She noted that she has not read much about what is going on with Sister Cities in this Administration.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Carol Robertson-Lopez, Chair
Dr. Jeff Case
Arthur Olivas
Carl Moore (Alternate)
Rudy Fernandez

Not Present:

Bernard Rubenstein, Excused
Clara Padilla-Andrews, Excused
Gilbert Delgado, Excused
Ling Tong

Others Present:

Jackie Camborde, Arts Services Coordinator
Sky Lopez Stith, Education Committee Member
Carlene Kerry, Santa Fe Indian School, Teacher
Former Judge Yardman, Retired
Anna Serrano for Fran Lucero, Stenographer

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4. Report of Chair

a. Guadalajara Summit

Sister Cities International is having the US-Mexico Mayor's Summit starting February 15-17th in Guadalajara. This is becoming an amazing opportunity, there will be several distinguished people in attendance, possibly the Vice

President's wife, Mrs. Pence. Ms. Garcia y Griego did approve registration fee of \$150 for those members from the Sister Cities committee who will attend. The Chair and Dr. Case are attending; if Ms. Stith is appointed she will definitely attend as well. There is also confirmation that several Mayors' throughout the United States will attend and we are in hopes that Mayor Gonzales will be able to attend. Strategically we are doing this meeting because of NAFTA and all the things that are going on between the US and Mexico and the fact that majority of sister city relationships are in Mexico. Program looks great and can be viewed on the website.

The Chair reported that a Colleague of hers has been nominated to be the Assistant Secretary of State for Culture and Education, which requires a Senate confirmation. She is from California, her name is Marie Rice, her husband is a Republican Congressman who is not seeking re-election and she has been involved with Sister Cities.

5. Report of Staff Liaison, Jackie Camborde

Ms. Camborde noted that they are in the process of hiring a new liaison, more information to follow.

6. Committee Reports

a. Bukhara, Uzbekistan

Nothing to report at this time.

b. Holguin, Cuba

Mr. Rubenstein is conducting a concert in Cuba. It would be nice to get a picture or a recording. Mr. Moore said if we could get a story in the paper about Mr. Rubenstein.

c. Incheon, South Korea

Mr. Olivas said since we no longer have a representative, there were 2 people who belong to JIN lived in Incheon. I asked if they would like to head a committee but Kim Song took over. The Chair asked Mr. Olivas to set up an appointment with the two individuals, she is very interested in talking to them.

d. Livingstone, Zambia

Dr. Case stated that it is hard to work with and travelling there is very expensive. They have had a change in Mayor's and some of the relationships with the school are hard to nurture. Dr. Case did receive a letter with the new Mayor and he is asking us what our plan is for Livingston. A response has not been sent. Dr. Case tried to get some students to go there but the Teacher wanted to have his trip compensated and paid for by the students. In the last couple of years we have given money to the Pan-Africa group here in Santa Fe, they rent out the Railyard, they have songs, music and food. Dr. Case met with the coordinator and he is great.

- e. Parral, Mexico
Mr. Fernandez has made efforts to reach out to the new Mayor who is an Independent with no success. However the rules changed, the Mayor now gets elected for 1-3 year term and that is it. They change Mayors every 3 years, so the Mayor got elected and if he wants to run again he needs to run in June. They take office in October and they take office in June. Mr. Fernandez will contact the Technical Vocational School there to see if they can do a project as discussed with Dr. Case.
- f. San Miguel de Allende, Mexico (Chair reported for Clara Andrews-Padilla)
We are trying to set something up end of February beginning of March at the Inn of the Anasazi as it is owned by a group that also has a property in San Miguel. It would be nice to have an open reception and invite people to come. The Mayor of San Miguel will be attending the conference in Guadalajara. Dr. Case said that Sky had successful results on her trip to San Miguel de Allende and with the Mayor's Office and the School for the Deaf. Sky did get pictures from the school over Christmas and cultivating this relationship. They have a huge Artist Collective called the Factory. It is a ginormous art gallery space so the artist are there painting, there are amazing artists.
- g. Santa Fe de La Vega, Spain
A conversation has been had with Max Myers who is on the Board at St. Michael's High School who provided the contact for the Principal. A couple of e-mails have been exchanged. They did not have any students for the exchange this year, they do have one coming next year from Spain and the school will send 2-4 students. Basically they have some concerns because they don't know how they fit with Sister Cities. The whole idea of the Colorado conference, if we have exchange students who are going somewhere, this is a great opportunity for them to attend in Colorado and getting them excited. Max and his wife Linda are very interested in going there. It might be a perfect time to do Sorrento at the same time.

Dr. Case stated that we have organized trips in the past where the organizer would be the Trip Chair and the committee would help. CIR use to do this but they don't do it anymore. They had a small surcharge and this helped CIR. When we talk about committees, we need a fund raising committee.
- h. Sorrento, Italy
The Chair noted no formal report but they are excited about a recent meeting with Lino who is the Italian Honorary Counsel General and he thinks this idea of Artist in Residence will help their Italy Committee, their film, bringing a couple of artists from Sorrento would be great to stimulate the relationship with Sister Cities. He talked about the Italian festival and has some ideas; he would like to work with our committee on events with Sorrento.

Ms. Kelly asked if Sister Cities has an Events Committee. The Chair said they do not and asked if they should create an Events Committee? Ms. Kelly said she was very involved with the International Festival and Events Association and she has had the opportunity to see events around the world. When you talk about Artist in Residence I immediately think Santa Fe International Festival where you have all of the countries represented and tie it to food.

The Chair said that will be a new committee, and one meeting a month doesn't allow time to get these projects done.

Sky said she spoke to Dr. Case about having these sub-committees of what the areas of interest are; I know we have art and culture of the humanitarian, education and economic. Maybe people who are specializing or interested in humanitarian efforts that we could have sub-committees that meet outside of this meeting and really generate momentum and ideas in those areas for all 10 cities.

Dr. Case did said that in conversation with Ms. Pott; she will see Eric Witt tomorrow and talk to him about the Italian Festival.

Mr. Moore said that the other strategy is to do something when something else is going on so Sister Cities doesn't take the full burden of organizing say for example doing something during the Folk Art Market.

Ms. Pott said doing something when the city isn't 100% booked might be best because if you piggy back on an event and you don't have enough lodging accommodations it makes it difficult.

The Chair would like to have a Sister Cities Calendar of Events and have it be robust. Many ideas were shared and will be discussed in a sub-committee environment.

i. Tsuyama, Japan

Mr. Olivas reported that nothing current to report. Still waiting for dates from Santa Fe JIN for Matsuri. Last word was that they are going to remain at the Convention Center for one more year; there are too many complications to make this a street fair. Mr. Olivas said depending on what they do for Matsuri they would like to have a booth at the Convention Center for Sister Cities. Mr. Olivas would be involved with the Matsuri and would need someone to man the booth. The Chair stated they did it once before, it was fun and so many good connections were made. The date is normally the end of March or early April. Ms. Camborde will get the date for the committee members. Mr. Olivas said he has also talked to his committee about Shin Koyamada (Actor) who might attend. They would love to do a tea for him when he is here. The Chair said that if he comes he speaks to Youth Groups and he has this huge

gaming empire, non-profit who loves to speak to young people and inspire them. He is a very inspiring speaker. A suggestion was made to even do a gaming competition that would bring the young people in and have Sister Cities sponsor that.

j. Zhangjiajie, China

The Chair had a meeting with a woman from Son Jung it is like a 13,000-acre artist collective out of Beijing. She had been here before and the Chair had an opportunity to meet with her. We had a great meeting with Randy Randall and have a great idea of what we would like to do next year. Right now in a number of our hotels they have what is called Artist in Residence. The Artist in Residence goes down to the lobby and interacts with the community. What really works for this is that the hotel provides the accommodations for the Artist so they have a place to stay. They are doing this because it is a slow time for tourism. We talked with this one from Son Jung if we could do an exchange like that. When Dr. Case and I recapped we discussed if we could get Artist from our Sister Cities to come. Fortunately, Mr. Rubenstein went to conduct a concert in Cuba, right before he left I shared this concept with him about this project and he was very excited about it as he is meeting with their Cultural Affairs officer. Also on the plan with him was going to be Peggy who brings the Artist from Cuba, including Holguin every year to the Folk Art Market. The Chair knows that they will be really excited about this concept because the artist will also be able to sell their artwork as well. Almost every one of our Sister Cities could participate as they are rich in culture and the Arts. Mr. Randall also said that this is a way for Sister Cities to show what we are doing helps promotes what Lodgers' Tax is doing.

Mr. Moore said that he would not be going to Cuba in February because the dance group from Cuba that he photographs will be in Germany. It is so much easier for a Cuban Dance Company to go to Germany than they coming to the United States. Bringing a Dance Company of that quality, they could put perform in the Lensic.

Mr. Randall also spoke about the Community Gallery.

Sky asked who manages the Facebook Page and the Chair said he started it. Sky took on this responsibility willingly. The page needs restructuring as a public page. Dr. Case suggested that Ms. Camborde put a link on the City Website to the Facebook. Thank you.

k. Education Committee – Jeff Case, Sky Lopez

Dr. Case reported that Sky took the SCI YAAS video in to the Mandela School. Today Dr. Case received a video with photos, it is the first run, and we have never had this capacity before. Sky is also able to stream music with the videos, which she has done with this particular video. It was a monumental achievement we got right there in the Mandela School. Dr. Case

and Sky were there the first 2 weeks in December and were able to meet a lot of the teachers, made a visual impression with these individuals, went in to classrooms and talked to students and the best thing we can do with Sister Cities and the Schools is be part of the instructional process, that is Dr. Case goal. We can use this visual and add on some things; Sky is more than willing to work with our committee members on Sister City Development.

Sky defined YAAS, it is the Young Authors and Artist Showcase, Sister Cities every year has an annual even where they ask for entries 13-18 year olds, submission in fine art, essay, poetry, picture and video so they ask the students to submit and they have a theme each year; this year it is the Art of Diplomacy. They have a contest and judge the winners and some of the runners up tour it around the country. We received a big display of framed art and we had about 32 poster boards of essays, photography and displayed it in the lobby of Mandela School. The school and the kids loved it, having art and essays to read and feedback from the kids asking how they could get involved, what could they do. We had the exhibit for a month; it travels throughout the US.

Dr. Case stated that Sky is the mother of 4 students, 2 attend Mandela. Sky is well known and liked by the teachers and the students who greet her immediately when she goes in to the school. Sky added that she also has about 30 students from Mandela in the SEED program.

Dr. Case stated that one student from last year, Carolina Trujillo, student at NM School for the Arts submitted an embroidery piece called the Pink Cross. She did not win last year, but it was included in the tumbler, which is a series of revolving photo shots of the artwork, and it is sent internationally around the world. I did write a letter of recognition for her to be given to her to be signed by Mayor Gonzales. Dr. Case will bring a picture of her work to next meeting.

Sky: Dr. Case also gave a presentation to the Mandarin Class trying to get the kids engaged; he would like to do a video exchange there in Zhangjiajie, they have already done some videos there introducing themselves.

Dr. Case said he has really promoted the YAAS to Sister City Schools and he received a response from Korea, the principal from the Korean Ceramic High School who he knows well. Last year they did participate, even though there wasn't a classification for ceramics. Dr. Case suggested she do a picture of the ceramic piece and write about it and she did enter. Jimyoung Nam Principal from Korean Ceramic High School sent a response letter, (Exhibit A). Dr. Case showed the photograph that had been submitted. Dr. Case gave two Mucho Gracias Certificates presented to them.

Dr. Case sent a Letter to the Editor on December 20th regarding our Student Intern, Loren Komer. (Exhibit B) She was accepted by Brandeis and Loren stated that when she submitted her application she listed what she had done in the Journal on Sustainability when she recruited students. The selection committee thought that the volunteer participation in Sister Cities was well connected to Social Justice.

Dr. Case: For the Education Committee, Sky has been a great addition and has provided some stimulating experience. He is hoping with the new additional of members that they could consider doing a J-1 VISA Exchange, another thing to explore is Humanitarian projects, whatever that might be and thirdly that there is interest from Tony Gerlitz the former Principal from Mandela who is retired to join the Education Committee, he would be a great contribution. Sky also talked about the possibility of cultivating or creating a Youth Board or Committee so we have kids to take to Colorado for the conference. Mandela is a great student pool.

Dr. Case has been talking to Mr. Fernandez about doing a Spanish project at Capital High. Dr. Case asked if Ms. Kerry could possibly introduce him to the AP Spanish Teacher at Capital High.

Dr. Case has asked the students at Mandela to do a video with the students in Chinese and in English. The first topic was to have the students introduce themselves in Chinese and then in English. Objective is to send these to Zhangjiajie, China and would like to do the same thing with the students at Capital High in Spanish. Possibly expand this at Capital High where the students could interview the heritage and cultural organizations in Santa Fe.

Dr. Case stated that Carlene Kerry prioritizes the opportunities to take her students out to events that they can benefit more knowledge from. She has taken them to Washington, DC and there are a group of her students from the Indian School who will be going to Japan. Carlene had a great career in Michigan with Governor James Blanchard. There is no tender system at the Indian School, you need to be invited back every year, and she has been working there since about 2007.

The Chair expressed her sincerest of thanks to Dr. Case and Sky who have been working very hard on the Education Committee.

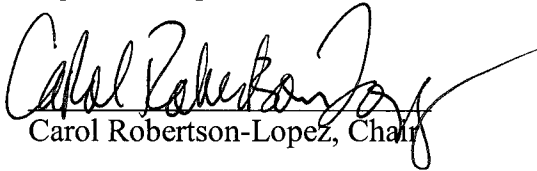
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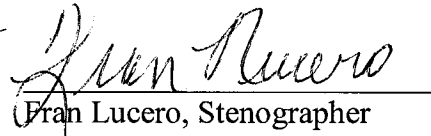
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8. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Sister Cities Committee, Mr. Fernandez moved to adjourn at 5:05 pm, second by Mr. Moore, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Signature Page:


Carol Robertson-Lopez, Chair


Fran Lucero, Stenographer

SCI YAAS Letter, Principal Nam, Korean National Ceramic High School

Dear Jeff Case,

I received the materials you sent about YAAS Sister Contest in 2018, whose theme is “The Art of Diplomacy”

I am strongly encouraging my students to get interested in and participate it.

I assume much more students will have an interest in the participation and take it “The Art of Diplomacy” into consideration next year than this year.

Also, I had displayed the students’ works which earned “Muchas Gracia” and it was a good opportunity for students to appreciate the works together.

Plus, with this exhibit, more and more students will get familiar with the city, Santa Fe and YAAS Sister City.

I have been happy to get to know you and start interchanging with your city.

I hope we will keep in touch with each other through various cultural activities.

Good luck with you. And Happy New Year!!!

Take care.

Jinyoung Nam

Principal. Korean Ceramic High School

Exhibit A

12-20-17

Words do matter — even the deleted ones

I am concerned the city is sabotaging our March election. In an attempt to undermine ranked-choice voting, Santa Fe city attorneys have removed the key words "from the continuing ballots" from the ranked-choice voting ordinance on which the council will be voting Wednesday, Dec. 20. The proposed ordinance now reads: "After any round, if any candidate receives a majority of votes, that candidate shall be declared the winner."

The removal of these four words means that the results from the instant runoff would be calculated by using the number of voters who voted in the first round. This is not how runoffs work, ranked-choice voting or otherwise. If you vote in the first round but decide not to vote in the runoff, then you don't get counted for the runoff. City staff should not be in charge of determining rules for ranked-choice voting implementation while simultaneously being in charge of the effort to eliminate ranked-choice voting.

Maria Perez
director
FairVote New Mexico
Santa Fe

Just plain wrong

As currently written, the new tax plan primarily benefits the rich. We are not hearing much about who will pay the consequences of this new plan — hardworking, low-income Americans. This year we have already seen attempts to gut essential programs like Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (formerly food stamps). So after giving away at least \$1 trillion in tax breaks to millionaires, those same critical programs will wind up back on the chopping block. With 1 in 8 Americans below the poverty line, this is both bad

public policy and just plain wrong. I am counting on our congressional delegation to reject efforts to gut basic assistance to pay for tax breaks for the rich.

Talent and commitment

Santa Fe Sister Cities gives thanks to our student representative, 2017 Santa Fe High graduate Loren Komer. Loren is in her first year at Brandeis University in Boston. Brandeis is known for being highly selective with an emphasis on international students and a respected commitment to social justice.

In her application, Loren listed her high 4.0-plus academics, her passion for theater arts and also her work with Sister Cities. Loren was editor of our *Journal on Sustainability* and recruited 14 high school writers from our Sister Cities network. These students appreciated giving voice to climate issues in their countries. The Brandeis selection committee saw in Loren a smart woman with exceptional skills and a great heart for humanity. From this, Brandeis awarded Loren a \$70,000 scholarship, an additional cash stipend and an appointment to the Theater Arts Fellowship. A very talented, young Santa Fe woman.

Jeff Case, Ph.D.
Santa Fe

Wishing for peace

It is surprising the *New Mexican* ran Judy Mellow's patently anti-Semitic letter concerning Jerusalem ("Trump's provocative move deepens despair," Dec. 14). Jews wrote about the city in the Bible before Islam existed. The city is not even mentioned in the Quran.

As another writer points out, only under Jewish rule have all three major religions had access to the holy places in the city. The only conclusion that can be drawn from Ms. Mellow's polemic diatribe is that she desires to restrict Jews from the Wall in the Old City, as was done under Arab control. Her choice to make the point of her letter religious rather than political betrays deep prejudice and hostility to Jews.

While we know bigots like her exist, giving her a platform is a double-edged sword: It exposes her for what she is, but it propagates the prejudice.

David Martin
Santa Fe

Get those towers up

Verizon needs to up its game everywhere in Northern New Mexico (Downtown to get much needed cell service relief," Dec. 19).

We live on N.M. 503 in Santa Fe, and our service is horrible. Not having decent cell service has become a threat of danger in our home. I have called emergency services several times because my husband is a fall risk. The last time, about two months ago, I was disconnected from 911 three times. I ran to my neighbor's house to use her landline. All was well.

Verizon has been our provider for more than seven years, and we have always received excellent service. However, that was in Georgia and California. It seems that everybody wants service but not the towers.

Please lighten up. We live in the digital age, and cellphones are here to stay. I'm glad to hear that service in Santa Fe will be improved. Let's spread the love and get those towers up.

Dina Glardon
Santa Fe

Exhibit B