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SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Administrative Conference Room, TOURISM Santa Fe

201 West Marcy Street

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4:00 to 5:00 PM

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- More effectively market Sister Cities and what they do
- Develop educational programs in schools
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- Involve greater community in work and activities of Sister Cities
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 - a) SCI Conference
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 - b) Holguin, Cuba
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 - d) Livingstone, Zambia
 - e) Parral, Mexico
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MINUTES
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Sister Cities Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair, Carol Robertson-Lopez at 4:05 pm; Administrative Conference Room, Tourism Santa Fe. A quorum is reflected under roll call.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Carol Robertson-Lopez, Chair
Dr. Jeff Case
Arthur Olivas
Bernard Rubenstein
Rhonda Faught
Carl Moore

Not Present:

Sky Stith
Rudy Fernandez
Clara Padilla Andrews
Carlene Carey

Others Present:

Jackie Camborde, Arts Services Coordinator
Fran Lucero, Stenographer

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4. Report of Chair

a. SCI Conference – Chair Robertson-Lopez

A number of the Sister Cities Committee members have submitted their registration for the conference in Aurora, CO; the Chair encouraged the committee members to attend. The Chair also asked that Ms. Camborde inquire if it is possible for her to also attend the conference.

The Chair noted that there will be guests from Zhangjiajie, China either the end of May or beginning of June. An event will be planned at a private residence vs. a commercial location to assure that their visit is confirmed. The group from Zhangjiajie is doing a very fast trip and has also stated that they will pay their own expenses. Ms. Ling Tong is assisting with this visit.

The Chair asked staff to send meeting notices to Ms. Ling Tong in the future if this is acceptable. Dr. Case will share his meeting notices with her as well. Mr. Rubenstein reiterated that Ms. Tong is very interested in participating in Sister Cities.

Staff and Committee Direction:

The Chair would like to have as much information on the website that has to do with the work of the Sister Cities. The Mayor would like to hear from Sister Cities on the work that is being done; example the Cuba report from Mr. Rubenstein is outstanding information for the Mayor and City Council to hear.

5. Committee Reports

a. Bukhara, Uzbekistan

The Chair said that we will see a number of artists at the Folk Art Festival.

b. Holguin, Cuba

Mr. Rubenstein reported that it is possible for an American Student to attend Medical School in Cuba at no cost. Right now in Santa Fe there are 2 graduates from the medical school doing their residency at Christus St. Vincent's and La Familia. Pastors for Peace Organization has produced a film, "Dare to Dream", and the local Cuban group will work together on this fund raiser with proceeds assisting these students who choose to do medical school in Cuba. They sent a student in the past and Pastors for Peace have

funding to send another student to Medical School. American School of Medicine asks that they commit to work in an under served community. Mr. Rubenstein shared a wonderful story about a potential individual who is interested in going to Medical School. Mr. Rubenstein asked the committee members if they know of anyone who has interest in going to medical school to please provide him with the information. The age limit is 18 – 25. The Chair asked for an electronic version of the pamphlet. The Chair also asked Ms. Camborde to put this information on the website. Ms. Faught noted that there is a nursing program at the Santa Fe Community College. (Exhibit A – brochure on Medical School)

Carl Moore said that two of the best times to visit Holguin are at the start of May; there is a festival where people come from 30 countries to attend and the second is Vladimir Issaev (Ballet) Grand Prix dance contest where people come from all over the world and takes place on September 24th. Mr. Moore will be photographing there. If we put a trip together that would be a great time to go.

- c. Incheon, South Korea
The UNESCO meeting was held in Incheon and Councilor Ives attended. Artisans from the Incheon Ceramic Festival will be at the Folk Art Festival.
- d. Livingstone, Zambia
The King did not visit Santa Fe, NM, apparently there were travel problems.
- e. Parral, Mexico, Rudy Fernandez (not present)
There has been a change in the government system and a Mayor can now run for a second term in Parral. More information to follow from Mr. Fernandez.
- f. San Miguel de Allende, Mexico – Chair Carol Robertson Lopez
The HIPICO is going along great, there has been great advertising and they are bringing a world renowned horse trainer. Once the date is available for this event we will volunteer during the time that the San Miguel de Allende delegation is here. The Chair asked staff if there is any publicity for this event that they include the description of the Sister City relationship with San Miguel Allende. Possibly a Banner: Santa Fe Sister City welcomes their Sister City San Miguel de Allende.
- g. Santa Fe de La Vega, Spain – Rhonda Faught
St. Michael's High School has 4 students that just returned from Santa Fe de La Vega, Spain. Rhonda will reach out to meet them and possibly invite them to report to the Mayor and City Council and give them a certificate of recognition. Ms. Faught said it might be good to do a video on the kids that came back and put it on the website. The Chair asked Ms. Camborde to research what is appropriate to give the students recognition for visiting a Sister City in Spain.

- h. Sorrento, Italy – Chair Robertson Lopez
Chair met with John Trentacosta, Jazz Musician who was an Educator for many years. Mr. Trentacosta would like to do an exchange with jazz musicians from Sorrento and Santa Fe. They were seeking funding from Sister Cities committee and unfortunately that is not a possibility at this time. We would like to connect with them on a musical level and work together through a sister city relationship. Mr. Trentacosta has a lot to offer to Sister Cities and vice versa.

- i. Tsuyama, Japan – Arthur Olivas
A letter and e-mail was sent to Japan and they responded that they have received both the letter and the e-mail with no further information.

Mr. Olivas had talked about the couple who were interested in Incheon at the last meeting. They have been out of town and back in Santa Fe. He will continue to pursue contact with them. The Chair said she would be happy to meet them socially and invite them to attend a Sister Cities meeting.

Matsuri Festival Date: May 19, 2018 at the Santa Fe Convention Center. Next year they would like to do it traditionally, possibly half outside and they are looking at venues. The Chair asked Mr. Olivas if he could please put together some information on the Matsuri or secure a flyer that can be delivered to the Mayor and City Council members.

Mr. Olivas noted that in 1999 he met with schools in Tsuyama to create this sister cities program with schools. Ms. Sheri Osgood took over and has done beyond a magnificent job.

- j. Zhangjiajie, China

- k. Education Committee – Jeff Case, Sky Stith
The Chair would like to have Education Committee first on the agenda. Dr. Case reported on Sheri Osgood who speaks Japanese fluently, she is taking 23 students to Tsuyama. She has raised money for all of these students and she has taken about 120 kids herself and she received classes from Japan. This is the largest and most sustained student exchange effort.

The Chair asked Dr. Case if he would look into nominating Ms. Osgood and her program for Tsuyama Japan at the Sister Cities Convention. The largest number of sister cities is Japan.

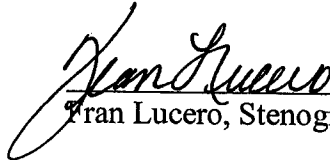
Mr. Rubenstein asked for a budget staff report at the next meeting.

6. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Sister Cities Committee, the Chair called for adjournment at 5:00 pm, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Signature Page:

Carol Robertson-Lopez, Chair

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Fran Lucero, Stenographer

Rhonda Faught <rhonda.faught@yahoo.com>

4/25/2018 2:38 PM

Sister Cities International Youth Leadership Summit

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Hello Max,

It was nice to see you yesterday at the Prosperity Works lunch. I appreciate you letting me have your ear on Sister Cities and St. Mike's. As I said, the Sister Cities International (SCI) is having their annual conference August 1-5 in Aurora, CO this year. Associated with the conference is a Youth Leadership Summit that will be held at the University of Denver. This is a great opportunity to have some students from St. Mike's attend. We have been able to hold 6 slots - two of which have been filled by the Mandala School - until May 15. After that they will be released to other cities.

A little about the Summit:

The Youth Leadership Summit (for students aged 14-18) is designed to engage the next generation of leaders and introduce them to the world of international affairs. By interacting with other peers from around the world, students at the summit become a new generation of volunteers who are instrumental in promoting peace, mutual respect, and understanding among communities locally and worldwide.

Through a specialized diplomatic simulation, site visits, speaker sessions, and peer collaboration, participants will learn how different national interests drive international cooperation on critical issues. This years program will have as a high point a United Nations simulation, a service project for refugees/immigrants, attendance at the key note speakers and speaker experts at the SCI National Conference, and a session on Futures in Citizen Diplomacy.

The best components of this program are the opportunity to bond with youth leaders from across the United States and around the world.

Over three days, the Youth Leadership Summit (YLS) will provide students with effective problem solving strategies, leadership skills, and insights into international affairs.

Students will experience a taste of college life by lodging at the dorms at the University of Denver. Chaperones will supervise the students throughout the Summit. Also, it looks like we may have a van that will take everyone to Denver or at the very least car pools.

This is a quality program and a great opportunity for students.

We have requested that the City of Santa Fe sponsor the students but was told that they could not because of anti donation. As such, students will be expected to pay or secure their own registration. Santa Fe is a member of SCI so the registration fee is \$600. Here is a link to the flyer:

http://sistercities.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/2018YouthSummitFlyer_FNLdigital.pdf

I will be calling Taylor to set up a time to talk next week about having 2-4 students attend the Summit. I appreciate you mentioning this to him at your board meeting on Friday.

Thank you!

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JAPAN 2018 Itinerary

Thursday May 31	6:05 Delta flight 1553 departs ABQ to SLC (be at ABQ airport at 4:00 am!) less than one hour layover in Salt Lake, take flight 2189 @8:30am to Portland arrive 9:20, two and a half hour layover, flight 69 depart PDX 12:08 pm
Friday June 1	Arrive Narita airport 2:55 pm Stay Narita U-City Hotel (take shuttle from NRT)
Saturday June 2	Breakfast, send big luggage by takkyubin to Tsuyama, shuttle back to NRT Narita Express train to Tokyo, Shinkansen to Kyoto Lunch around station Walk to Nagomi Ryokan (check in is 4:00 but leave luggage, Y198000 due) Take bus to Kiyomiza-dera (get 48 hour passes if possible)
Sunday June 3	Breakfast, bus to Heian jingu Bus to Kinkakuji - lunch around there Walk to Ryoanji Bus back to nagomi
Monday June 4	Check out, breakfast, bus to Nijo-jo Bus to Kyoto station, lunch, shinkansen to Okayama, train to Tsuyama Welcome Party (get luggage), go home with host family
Tuesday June 5	Tsuyama activities
Wednesday June 6	(schools, castle, glass house, nagashi somen, old town, Nishi Kaigan, pottery?)
Thursday June 7	
Friday June 8	(takkyubin large luggage to Sakura Hostel Jimbocho)
Saturday June 9	Free day with host family
Sunday June 10	Train/shinkansen back to Tokyo, train to Jimbocho, check in Sakura Hotel train to Asakusa, Akihabara on way back to hostel
Monday June 11	Tsukiji fish market EARLY! Breakfast in the area, then to Tokyo Tower train to Harajuku, lunch, Takeshita-dori, Kiddyland, walk to Shibuya
Tuesday June 12	Kamakura (if costs allow) Karaoke bar all together in the evening
Wednesday June 13	FREE DAY! (Satori gives each person Y1500-3000 and a map, each group explains their plan; curfew 10:00 pm, call Satori when back to hostel)
Thursday June 14	Check out, breakfast (leave luggage until noon) Last minute shopping in Jimbocho area! Train to Tokyo station, (arrive by 2:00) Check in, change money back, eat if time Delta flight 296 @4:30 pm, arrive Atlanta 4:07 pm three hour layover, flight 2299 @7:30 pm, arrive ABQ 8:50 pm