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SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday June 13, 2018

Administrative Conference Room, TOURISM Santa Fe

201 West Marcy Street

505-955-6707

4:00 to 5:00 PM

Goals of the Sister Cities Committee:

- More effectively market Sister Cities and what they do
- Develop educational programs in schools
- Strengthen 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
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 - a) May 9, 2018
5. Report of Chair
 - a) SCI Conference
6. Reports & Updates
 - a) Education Committee—Jeff Case, Sky Lopez
 - b) Bukhara, Uzbekistan
 - c) Holguin, Cuba
 - d) Ichcon, South Korea
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 - f) Parral, Mexico
 - g) San Miguel de Allende, Mexico
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 - k) Zhangjiajie, China
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SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2018
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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
Sky Stith
Rudy Fernandez
Carlene Carey

Not Present:

Clara Padilla Andrews, Excused

Others Present:

Jackie Camborde, Arts Services Coordinator
Anna Serrano for Fran Lucero, Stenographer

2. Approval of Agenda

Randy Randall presentation before the Approval of Minutes.

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

3. Presentation by Randy Randall

Talked about the free Santa Fe App that will be available this Friday. Instructions are to type in SearchSF and you can download the App. Regarding the HIPICO and Sister City Challenge, not much to report at this time, work continues. Sister City Challenge dates are July 15, 2018 – August 15, 2018. The Chair noted that she would go out to meet with HIPICO and Mr. Randall would like to attend meeting if his schedule permits. The Chair also noted that Sister Cities Committee is great volunteers if they can meet and greet or help in anyway.

Ms. Carey talked about a Champagne Tea @ HIPICO as a fundraiser and get Gruet involved. She feels that it is doable in a modest way this year. Mr. Randall added that they have a paid membership and VIP tents. The front tents are not part of the club fee. The Chair will find out when the Mayor and Council are invited out. The Chair thanked Mr. Randall and is excited about the new App.

4. Approval of Minutes – May 9, 2018

Corrections: Carl Moore will send his spelling corrections to the Arts Commission Office to be noted.

Mr. Olivas moved to approve the minutes as amended, second by Ms. Carey, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

5. Report of Chair

The Chair noted that she would follow up with HIPICO and provide a report to the Sister Cities Committee at next meeting.

SCI Conference – For those who are attending, registrations have been sent in for the members by Ms. Camborde. The conference is shaping up; it will be a fantastic event. The Chair returned from conference in Russia and stated that they are not looking for a sister city relationship with Russia. Citizenship diplomacy was the relationship and discussion of this meeting. It was interesting to hear what they want because it is much of what we want in the US.

The Chair noted, we have a star amongst us today. We received a communication from our Chinese Sister City, as you know they were talking about coming and then they advised us that they were not allowed to leave the country. In China there is a rule that elected officials can't be out of the country more than 7 days. They said they couldn't figure out how to get to Santa Fe and back within that time frame. They asked if someone would come to meet them. In the absence of the Chair, Dr. Case met with the representatives from China in Newark, NJ. Dr. Case said he was interested in this because of our relationship with Zhangjiajie has really deteriorated and he wanted to see if there is any chance of making a comeback with them. We talked about tourism, education and Dr. Case let them know he has been to Zhangjiajie twice before and they were pleased to hear that. Dr. Case told them about the Mariachi group that went on that trip. Dr. Case feels positive that we can count

on this relationship and see how far it goes. Also met with the Chinese teacher at Mandela school and received some videos of children speaking Chinese. The delegation Dr. Case met with was very impressed with the students at Mandela speaking Chinese. They will hold meetings in 4 cities in 8 days. The Chinese travel with very strict restraints. Mr. Rubenstein said that they have new government officials. Dr. Case met with them in the morning and the delegation provided a guide to show Dr. Case the sights of NY and they also invited him to join them at the United Nations.

Dr. Case inquired about the wall displays that are in storage at the airport. Ms. Camborde will check on the status.

The Chair asked that Sky be officially referred to as Stith (last name). To be noted by staff and stenographer.

6. Committee Reports

a. Bukhara, Uzbekistan

Chair reported that they will be here for the Folk Art Market in July. The Chair asked members to plan to meet at 9:00 am, they normally meet in front of the Museum and together they visit all sister cities booths. Dr. Case will speak with Councilor Ives to let him know that there will be some identification on the booths to indicate they are sister cities.

b. Holguin, Cuba

Mr. Rubenstein said that many of the Cuban Artist will not be coming; they are having problems with Visa's. He referred to the report provided at last meeting on the medical school and financial assistance that is available. Some time ago the local Cuba Sister City group gave some money to an individual to go to the Medical School in Cuba and she has graduated. Ms. Faught said that she has been in contact with Tiana's father and she is now in Albuquerque working. Mr. Rubenstein noted that there will be a dinner party this Saturday night for two US students from Santa Fe who graduated from the medical school in Cuba and are doing their residency in Albuquerque/Santa Fe. There are four doctors that will meet with Gabriela Rodriguez who is a graduate from Capital High School whom Cuba committee has selected as a potential student for assistance.

c. Incheon, South Korea

The Chair has not had an opportunity to talk to Councilor Ives about his trip to the Ceramic Festival. The Chair encouraged Sister City members to visit North Korea in conjunction with other Sister Cities.

d. Livingstone, Zambia

The Chair noted that in her hotel the gentlemen working at the desk was from Osaka. The relationship with Livingstone has gone dormant with new Mayor. The Chair is hopeful that we can get this relationship recharged. Mr. Moore

suggested that a sub-group brainstorm to discuss concrete things that Sister Cities Committee could do to offer and motivate on what Sister Cities has available as a committee to offer. If we could offer them expertise, possibly make a short list of options that we have available. The Chair said this is a great idea, what is hard now is that so much communication is based on e-mails and when somebody leaves trying to connect with a new e-mail. Dr. Case continues to write to his contact at a school in Livingstone.

- c. Parral, Mexico, Rudy Fernandez (not present)
Mr. Fernandez spoke to the Mayor in March and he has now heard that he is running for re-election. This is the first time they are allowed to run for re-election. With this new update it is understood that he will not be visiting Santa Fe at this time. Mr. Fernandez Parral contact would like to come for the Santa Fe Fiesta.
- f. San Miguel de Allende, Mexico
Ms. Faught noted that she has had difficulties reaching Taylor at St. Michael's. Goal is to get in contact with the city offices in San Miguel de Allende, more information to follow. Chair asked Carlene if she would like to take the lead on HIPICO and she agreed.
- g. Santa Fe de La Vega, Spain – Rhonda Faught
Ms. Faught continues to pursue a connection. Mr. Rubenstein will be travelling to Spain with family as his granddaughter will be taking a course in Granada. The Chair noted that they have a fabulous fiesta in Spain.
- h. Sorrento, Italy – Chair Robertson Lopez
No report
- i. Tsuyama, Japan – Arthur Olivas
The tea ceremony had more people than it has ever had, there were over 500 people. He noted that there are problems in the city in Tsuyama as their elections are in August. Japanese language is very structured.
- j. Zhangjiajie, China
- k. Education Committee – Jeff Case, Sky Stith
Dr. Case noted that he received an email from a teacher at Rio Grande. She is one of the teachers that Dr. Case wrote a grant for when he was the Chair at CIR committee and sent her to Turkey. She is interested in doing something with Sister Cities and has a Geography Club and meeting with the students. Dr. Case has two projects in mind, one is a multiple choice quiz about our 10 sister cities and will ask for participation from the members. Hopes are that Mayor will support this. He noted that Ms. Carey's picture was recently in the newspaper for the NM School for the Arts article, she is also a shining star.

The Congressional Art winner is from the NM School for the Arts and the piece is displayed at the Capitol. Ms. Camborde was on the selection committee, Congressman Lujan has an art contest every year and there were about 50 entries this year.


Staff Report:

Ms. Camborde noted that they have just closed the last grant cycle. The art for the airport has been selected and approved by the Arts Commission. The selection panel was amazing and 5 pieces were purchased for this collection at the airport. There are 10 events scheduled for the Southside for the summer. School is out and there are event planned at the Chavez Center as well as free movies at SWAN Park.

7. 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
Fran Lucero, Stenographer