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Agenda

## SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 14, 2019
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
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Approval of Agenda
- 4. Approval of Minutes
  - a) June 12, 2019
- 5. Report of Staff
- 6. Report of Chair
- 7. Discussion
  - a) Exploration of additional sister city in Germany
- 8. Reports & Updates
  - a) Bukhara, Uzbekistan
  - b) Holguin, Cuba
  - c) Icheon, South Korea
  - d) Livingstone, Zambia
  - e) Parral, Mexico
  - f) San Miguel de Allende, Mexico
  - g) Santa Fe de la Vega, Spain
  - h) Sorrento, Italy
  - i) Tsuyama, Japan
  - j) Zhangjiajie, China
  - k) Education Committee Jeff Case, Sky Stiha
- 9. Adjourn

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**DATE:** August 6, 2019

TIME: 12:05 PM

# Sister Cities Committee Minutes August 14, 2019 4:00 – 5:03 PM

#### 1. Call to Order

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Chair Carol Robertson Lopez called the Sister Cities Meeting to order at 4:02 pm, Administrative Conference Room, 201 West Marcy Street, Santa Fe, NM with a quorum declared by roll call.

ROLL CALL:
Present
Carol Robertson Lopez, Chair
Dr. Jeff Case
Rudy Fernandez
Arthur Olivas

Not Present, Excused Carl Moore Carlene Carey Bernard Rubenstein

# 2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda was changed to make item 7, Discussion of an additional sister city in Germany first after approval of minutes. Revised agenda was moved, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

- 3. Approval of Minutes, May 8, 2019 and June 12, 2019
  - a. Minutes were moved to be approved, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.
- 4. Discussion of the Exploration of an additional sister city in Germany
  - a. John Lonergan attended the meeting at the request of the Chair to discuss his idea of adding a sister city in Germany.
  - b. The motivation to add the sister city is to support an effort he is moving forward for a work-study track at Santa Fe High School.
  - c. Secondarily there can be a wine festival exchange
  - d. This is a prototype program modeled after successful programs in all German secondary education schools.
  - e. The two cities recommended are Esslingen and Constance.
  - f. After a discussion, the committee formalized a recommendation to move forward with an inquiry to establish a friendship city with either Esslingen or Constance. To do this:
    - John will reach out to Lutz Arnhold, GM of The Rosewood Anasazi Hotel (with support from Randy) to gather those interested in creating the German friendship city.
    - John will contact the mayor of Esslingen to determine interest in a second city relationship in the US. If not supportive, John will determine interest from Constance.

iii. Chair Lopez will draft a letter of interest for the mayor to consider after the specific city is determined.

### 5. Report of Staff

- a. Jeff Case handled the visit from Icheon, South Korea very well. Randy was able to meet with the mayor and felt they had a very beneficial conversation regarding tourism.
- b. Pauline Kamiyama, new Arts Commission Director, will start on September 9 and will be at the next Sister Cities Committee meeting.
- c. Sister Cities will need to make a recommendation as to where it is supported Arts Commission or Tourism.

# 6. Report of Director

- a. Brought committee up to date on the national sister cities activities.
- b. Advised the committee she will not be available at the next Sister City Committee meeting on September 11.

# 7. Other reports and updates

- a. Jeff Case reviewed the activities during the past month. Copies of his report enclosed.
- b. General discussion of committee member activities.

## 8. Adjourn

a. Meeting adjourned at 5:03PM.

Signature:

Carol Robertson Lopez, Chair
LIM & Ferrandez

Randy Randall, Staff Representative