



Agenda

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SANTA FE SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

City Councilor's Conference Room

200 Lincoln Avenue

4:00 p.m.

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- I. Call to Order
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 - a. August 15, 2012
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 - a. Financial Report
 - b. Report on SAI Grant between China and Africa
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 - b. Update on Holguin, Cuba – Bernard Rubenstein
 - c. Update on Tsuyama, Japan – Arthur Olivas
 - d. Update on Parral, Mexico and Santa Eulalia, Mexico
 - e. Update on visits from ZhangJiaJie, China – Ling Tong
- V. Report of Chair
 - a. Update of Sorrento, Italy visit
- VI. Adjournment

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**SANTA FE SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

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4:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Roll Call:

Present:

Gilbert Delgado, Chair
Rudy Fernandez
Arthur Olivas
Bernard Rubenstein

Not Present:

Carol Robertson-Lopez

Alternates:

Kim Song
Ling Tong

II. Approval of Agenda

Add: San Miguel to Report of the Liaison

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

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III. Report of the Liaison – Julie Bystrom

a. Financial Report

The contract with the association has been approved and the PO is for \$15,000 for this next year.

b. Report on SAI Grant between China and Africa

A grant was offered from the National office; a tri-lateral grant between three countries – the US Sister Cities qualified and you had to have a sister city in China and Africa. Having made Livingstone a sister city, it qualified us. Ms. Bystrom asked the Mayor if he would like for her to follow through with this and he said yes. The grant offered \$90,000 – they weren't going to award only one city they were going to award three cities. How it works is that Africa would designate the project and \$90,000 would actually be awarded to them. The object of the grant was to bring forward collaboration between China, ourselves and Africa. Ms. Bystrom took the initial steps and has been going back and forth for several weeks between China and Africa. I feel that most likely that this is not going to happen. China shut down communications; it is very difficult although there is a liaison in Hunan who said she would talk to them. We have not had enough communications from Africa to get their end of the grant. It could have been a great award and a great collaboration and I have done the best I could. For \$90,000 it was worth trying to pursue. Julie said she communicated with a lady named Lula in Washington, DC and she seemed to think that communications also shut down. She was travelling in Hunan and also had problems with communication and said she would try to communicate further on our behalf. If we don't have communications with Africa we can't pursue it as they have to initiate it. The deadline is October 1st; she is not sure we can meet that deadline with the struggles in communication and/or IT problems in Africa and China.

c. San Miguel Sister City Agreement

We have received Sister City Agreements from San Miguel; they sent it to us to be approved and to be returned to them after our approval. We sent it through our legal process for them to review and it was approved and it will be returned to them. We believe they will let us know in the future about how they want to proceed with a formal signing ceremony. More information to follow. The Chair asked what the approval process on our end is; does the city council need to approve, should it come to this committee for approval? Ms. Bystrom said that to her knowledge the

committee did not approve the agreement. Since we had a resolution 20 years ago we don't need to do another resolution.

IV. Report of the Committees

- a. Update on Uzbekistan, Bukhara – Carol Robertson Lopez
Next meeting.

- b. Update on Holguin, Cuba – Bernard Rubenstein
Many people had asked Mr. Rubenstein to take a group of people to our sister city Holguin and the trip had been planned for October through the Center for Cuban Studies in NY which is a Cuba group involved in educational and cultural exchange for many years. We had a wonderful group of very interesting people from not only Santa Fe but California and we were all set to go and a note was received from the Center for Cuban Studies that their license had not been renewed and also that the Cuban prices had also gone up. The main problem is that the license procedure is all tied up in Washington. Hundreds of organizations now have had their travel licenses locked by the US Treasury.

- c. Update on Tsuyama, Japan – Arthur Olivas
As part of clarification from last meeting minutes, Mr. Olivas gave an update to the committee about his discussion with Cherie from Montessori. The Chair asked Mr. Olivas to clarify a statement from Cherie who had said that she did not think it was a good idea to contact other schools. Do those kids when they visit, do they go to the same schools or different schools? Mr. Olivas answered; when the group was here he met them at the school for the reception that they had and he talked to Cherie beforehand. She did not think it was a very good idea to just have a formal signing of the sister schools relationship. I said ok, lets' talk about it and I didn't hear from her immediately. When we did get together I told her that after reading what she had said I agreed with her. Reason being was that for the time we have had this relationship with the schools, both on our end and their end, Tsuyama's end, that it has evolved; it is not just for one school to one school. This last year and next year it will not only be Monte del Sol, it will be Monte del Sol and Art and Design. When they go over to Tsuyama it is not just one school, the original school that we dealt with, they will have six schools. All either five or six of them will represent the group that came over this year. She felt that I didn't have to agree with her, that if it became a one school to one school all the other schools would drop out. Because that is only one school and they won't feel like they are included. On this side if we were to sign a sister school relationship with a school [one school in Tsuyama], all the other schools would drop out so they would not be involved because it would not be their school. This way it is open ended and anybody can join. Everybody is included, everybody is welcomed to join and come or be host when our students go there.

E-mails have been sent to Tsuyama city hall about sending over the group in April, a response has been sent back to Mr. Olivas. (Name of group needed) who is waiting to hear from Tsuyama to go for the Festival the first week in April in order for them to start writing grants. They have two or three places they can go to for some money.

- d. Update on Parral, Mexico and Santa Eulalia, Mexico – Rudy Fernandez
Chair Delgado: The City has presented Mr. Fernandez with a plaque for all the work he has done for so many years with the wonderful group from Parral.
Congratulations and gratitude from all of the Sister Cities Committee.

Mr. Fernandez: Thank you.

The folks from Parral were going to come down for Fiestas but they changed their mind as their Mayor is getting married now in December and his commitments were very tight in scheduling.

We have received an invite from another city in Chihuahua, the city of Santa Juliana which is about 25 miles outside of Chihuahua. They invited us to the 360th anniversary that they are celebrating on September 25th of this month. They wanted us to become a sister city with them. Since then there have been e-mails with their representative and with Julie and we recommend that they become a friendship city. Unfortunately, financially we were unable to attend their festivities or to offer a sister city relationship.

- e. Update on visits from ZhangJiaJie, China – Ling Tong
Report at next meeting.

V. Report of Chair

- a. Update of Sorrento, Italy visit
The Chair has made an attempt to contact some of the people who were interested in visiting Santa Fe from Sorrento but he has not heard back from them. In speaking of Andrea, the Chair still has the very beautiful portrait. It might be that we plan a local event to honorably present the portrait.
- b. The Chair asked the Staff Liaison to always send him copies of any correspondence or comments that are sent to the Mayor that pertain to Sister Cities.
- c. The Chair reiterated that he is still concerned about membership. We have assigned 8 members and 3 alternatives, we are down to 6 assigned members and we have not filled those positions. He asked for the committee to provide suggestions to fill those spots. In losing Dan Anthony we lost a strong member who was so oriented in so many ways.
- d. Mr. Fernandez asked; now that we have Africa as a sister city do we have anyone who would like to join and represent Africa? Julie responded that the Mayor had conveyed to her; he wasn't sure that he wanted an individual delegated to a sister city. He recognizes that new members need to be delegated to one country or another.
- e. Fundraising: The question was again brought up about not having collateral, no brochures to give out, what they have is outdated. It is the desire of the committee to have a brochure; there have been many drafts and designs sent to the staff liaison and

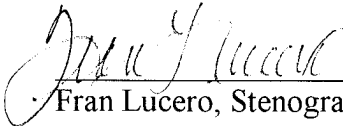
the committee would like this to become an active topic of discussion. The Chair would like a true status from the graphics department? Why does the brochure get held up? The target market was again discussed and the purpose of the brochure. Is it to be informative for additional membership or to be informative? Staff is to follow up and provide the committee with a report at next meeting.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Sister Cities Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Signature Page:

Gilbert Delgado, Chair



Fran Lucero, Stenographer