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SANTA FE SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 14, 2013

City Councilors' Meeting Room

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

955-6707

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. July 10, 2013
- IV. Sister Cities Liaison
 - a. Financial Report
- V. Reports and Updates
 - a. Zhang Jie Jie International Country Music Festival Update – Jeff Case
 - b. Visit of Delegation to Parral, Mexico – Rudy Fernandez
 - c. San Miguel de Allende and Icheon, South Korea Resolutions – Julie Bystrom
 - d. Livingstone, Zambia visit – Julie Bystrom
 - e. Update on meeting with City Attorney, Geno Zamora
- VI. Report of Chair
 - a. Sister Cities School Outreach
- VII. Other Items
- VIII. Adjournment

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MINUTES

August 14, 2013
City Councilor's Conference Room
4:00 pm – 5:10 pm

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Delgado at 4:05 pm. Roll call constitutes a quorum.

Roll Call

Present

Gilbert Delgado, Chair
Rudy Fernandez
Arthur Olivas
Cathy Magni
Dr. Jeff Case
Bernard Rubenstein
Carol Robertson Lopez
Carl Moore

Not Present

Kim Song, Alternate
Ling Tong, Alternate

Others Present

Julie Bystrom, Staff Liaison
Debra Garcia y Griego, Director
Fran Lucero, Stenographer

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes – July 10, 2013

Mr. Fernandez moved to approve the minutes of July 10, 2013 as presented, second by Ms. Magni, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. Sister Cities Liaison

a. Financial Report

Ms. Bystrom will provide an up to date report at next meeting as end of year transfers continue.

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5. Reports and Updates

a. Zhang Jai Jie International Country Music Festival Update – Dr. Jeff Case

Dr. Case reported that the coordination of this trip and the events leading up to it have been a success. The Mariachi Group from Santa Fe now have airline tickets for their trip, visas have been applied and paid for; passports are being processed in Washington. Their musical composition has improved and they are eager to go. Public relations efforts include, 2 radio interviews, one with Que Suavé – Rudy Fernandez, Member was interviewed and he received good air time and donations. Fund raisers have been done well and it was noted that they have receive a great deal of support from the Hispanic community. There is an additional fund raiser this Friday at the Pecos Trail Café and all are welcomed. Dr. Case and Carol Robertson Lopez, members of the Sister City Committee will also travel to Zhang Jai Jie with the group. Ms. Lopez expressed her thanks to Mr. Fernandez for introducing this Mariachi Band to Sister Cities. The group will be entertaining with other music groups from 26 countries. Alma Castro has been very supportive of this effort and is also part of the Mariachi group. Mr. Fernandez asked for an update on the stipend. Ms. Bystrom said the stipend will be awarded upon their return. The Chair expressed his thanks for everyone who has worked on this endeavor. The relationship with Zhang Jai Jie is developing beautifully. Mr. Rubenstein asked if video or pictures could be taken and brought back.

Dr. Case stated that this is a good news story and both he and Ms. Lopez will work diligently to get press coverage.

b. Visit of Delegation to Parral, Mexico – Rudy Fernandez

Mr. Fernandez reported that he and Chair Delgado travelled to Parral, Mexico to attend the Pancho Villa festivities. Mr. Fernandez said that there are hopes that the delegation from Parral, Mexico will visit Santa Fe in the near future and that we would want to reciprocate with all respect and attention as given to our delegation. The Chair echoed that the hospitality of Parral, Mexico was phenomenal and the Santa Fe delegation was very well attended and welcomed.

c. San Miguel de Allende and Icheon, South Korea Resolutions – Julie Bystrom

Ms. Bystrom distributed the agreement from San Miguel de Allende. It was also noted that a group from San Miguel de Allende will be visiting Santa Fe, October 20-26, 2013 to participate in a fashion show. The group from San Miguel de Allende has inquired about a formal signing during their visit to Santa Fe. Ms. Bystrom will provide more information at next meeting. A resolution declaring that the city of Santa Fe establish a Sister City Relationship with the city of Icheon, South Korea was also distributed to the members for their review. (Exhibit A & B)

d. Livingstone, Zambia visit – Julie Bystrom

Ms. Bystrom reported that the Santa Fe Fire Chief and Mayor Coss have extended an invitation to the Mayor and Fire Chief of Livingstone, Zambia to participate in a fire

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fighters training and event. This visit is scheduled for September 25th – October 1, 2013. The Fire Chief (Elvis) from Livingstone, Zambia sent pictures to show their receipt of two new fire engine/trucks from Zambia.

Ms. Bystrom would like to establish a sub-committee to work on these visits as they are all around the same time.

e. Update on meeting with City Attorney, Geno Zamora

A previous presentation was made on Ethics and Open Government to the Sister City Committee. Thank you to the committee for being pro-active and for looking for best practice opportunities. Two weeks ago a meeting was held with Chair Delgado and Mr. Fernandez to continue brain storming between the Sister City Committee and the Sister City Association. For a long period of time those two organizations have existed in means of supporting each other. That relationship has been a productive relationship also can be a challenging relationship as we have board members of the Sister Cities Committee and members of the Association. Mr. Zamora reiterated the importance of not entering into any conflict of interest as some members of the Sister City Committee are also involved in the Sister City Association. There is a level of scrutiny that is required, a level of conflict management and disclosure that is required. With all of that as a backdrop, the meeting with the Chair and Mr. Fernandez was to discuss what the options are going forward for this relationship with the committee and the association. What does the Association do, what is their vision for what they continue to do and what other options to avoid continual opportunities are there. The Chair and Mr. Fernandez provided historical information on the Association and how it supported the committee it became apparent that there were other viable associations. The options available and discussed were the Association moving to the city as a contractor and performing different opportunities. The strain was evident from some members when discussing that fund raising was needed to be functional.

One of the options is utilizing your funding to find a contractor to do your event planning and organization, lessen the burden of the members on the Association and on the committee and eliminate conflict of interest. This would again suggest putting the association on ice for a while.

The Chair explained that more discussion would transpire about paying the state and federal reports in order to keep the Association alive.

Mr. Zamora explained that because of the overlap in the Association and the Committee, the Committee does not have authority over the Association. The committee can discuss the Association's involvement and send guidance back to the Association. This committee cannot make organizational changes to the Association. The Committee is a Governmental Body and can only send recommendations.

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Cathy Magni: Question: Association for Sorrento, Italy was defunct when Ms. Magni joined the Sister City Committee. Mr. Zamora stated that the foundation of this is, as members of the identified Association, it would be necessary to step back from a relationship with transactions tied in to the Sister City Committee. Concern is transfer of funding from the city. Ms. Magni gave the example that she would be seeking support or endorsement from the Sister Cities Committee for the Italian Film Festival. The City Attorney said that she would recues herself from any vote or discussion in support of this event.

Ms. Garcia y Griego added that all members of the Sister Cities Committee are valued and their involvement with groups and other organizations is important. If any endorsements or sponsorships would be sought through the members; the member would contact Julie Bystrom to place on the agenda for discussion. That member who sits on the Sister Cities Committee would need to recues themselves.

Mr. Rubenstein said that the Cuba Sister City group belongs to the National Cuba City Association which is a 501C3. They have Officers and a Board which is separate from the Sister Cities Committee.

Mr. Zamora: Reiterated that in any organization discussions related to Sister Cities, if the member holds a board member role or endorses an event, they should recues themselves from any vote to eliminate a conflict of interest.

Mr. Fernandez said that they do not have a Parral Organization but he does have a support group.

Mr. Zamora said that the Ethics Ordinance addressed clearly that members would have to step back, you cannot advocate if there is a conflict of interest.

Thank you to the committee for being pro-active and for best practices.

6. Report of Chair

a. Sister Cities School Outreach

The Chair spoke to individuals in Parral, Mexico about the Sister City School relationship. There was a big interest and information will be secured to share with other countries.

7. Other Items

Ms. Lopez would like to volunteer to compile the Annual Report. She asked the different Sister City members take pictures of their events and provide any information available. The Annual Report could go on line and view the activities of the work of the Sister City Committee.

Mr. Rubenstein asked Mr. Sharp from the New Mexican if he would advocate for news coverage. Mr. Sharp suggested that the City Editor, Howard Houghton be contacted when there are special events or stories of interest.

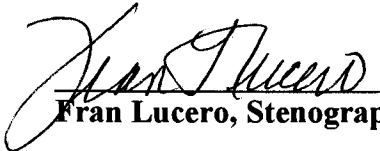
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8. Adjournment

Mr. Rubenstein moved to adjourn at 5:10 pm, second by Ms. Lopez, motion carried by voice vote.

Signature Sheet:

Gilbert Delgado, Chair



Fran Lucero, Stenographer

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-74**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Mayor Coss
6 Councilor Wurzbarger

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **DECLARING THAT THE CITY OF SANTA FE DESIRES TO ESTABLISH A SISTER CITY**
12 **RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE, MEXICO.**

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14 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA and the City of San Miguel de
15 Allende, Mexico, desire to formalize a Sister City relationship between the people of the two
16 communities; and

17 **WHEREAS**, like Santa Fe, San Miguel de Allende, is a community of rich cultural and
18 religious tradition and ethnic diversity; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe and the City of San Miguel de Allende on the basis of
20 cooperation, equality and mutual benefit will develop their Sister City relationship to promote and
21 broaden economic cooperation and cultural exchanges between the two cities.

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
23 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body does hereby establish a Sister City relationship with
24 the City of San Miguel de Allende and declares its interest in exploring the establishment of business
25 and trade relations between the City of Santa Fe and the City of San Miguel de Allende in:

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-75**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Mayor Coss
6 Councilor Wurzbarger
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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **DECLARING THAT THE CITY OF SANTA FE DESIRES TO ESTABLISH A SISTER CITY**
12 **RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF ICHEON, SOUTH KOREA.**
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14 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA and the City of Icheon, South Korea,
15 desire to formalize a Sister City relationship between the people of the two communities; and

16 **WHEREAS**, like Santa Fe, Icheon is a city of rich cultural traditions, and

17 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe and the City of Icheon on the basis of cooperation, equality
18 and mutual benefit will develop their Sister City relationship to promote and broaden economic
19 cooperation and cultural exchanges between the two cities.

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
21 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body does hereby establish a Sister City relationship with
22 the City of Icheon and declares its interest in exploring the establishment of business and trade
23 relations between the City of Santa Fe and the City of Icheon in:

- 24 1. The areas of the arts such as exhibits, music, dance and other cultural activities; and
25 2. Education, through the establishment of contacts with educational institutions; and