



Agenda

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SANTA FE SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Community Convention Center, 2nd Floor

Tesuque Room

4:00 – 5:00 pm

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 - a. November 13, 2013
- IV. Report of Interim Chair – Carol Robertson Lopez
- V. Staff Reports & Updates
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4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Interim Chair, Carol Robertson-Lopez at 4:00 pm, City Councilor's Conference Room, Santa Fe, New Mexico. A quorum was declared by roll call.

Roll Call

Present

Carol Robertson Lopez, Interim Chair
Rudy Fernandez
Cathy Magni
Bernard Rubenstein
Gilbert Delgado
Ling Tong, Alternate

Not Present

Jeff Case
Arthur Olivas
Kim Song
Carol Moore

Others Present

Julie Bystrom, Staff Liaison
Fran Lucero, Stenographer

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Approval of Minutes

a. November 13, 2013

Correction: Action Items. ~~Ms.~~ Rubenstein – Mr. Rubenstein

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

IV. Report of Interim Chair – Carol Robertson Lopez

Thank you to Mr. Delgado for his service. He has brought many accomplishments and successes in growing the Sister Cities Committee.

Annual Report

The Chair provided the committee members as a sample of the City of Atlanta's Annual Report. Ms. Robertson Lopez will meet with Ms. Bystrom to peruse this document in preparation of the creation of the Santa Fe annual report. The goal is to have the Annual Report prepared by March, 2014.

The Chair talked about Icheon Sister City as an example and the plan is to have pictures for all sister cities in the annual report. It was noted that the sample document is 1 page for each sister city. For Livingston she will report on the visit from the Firefighter and the trip to Livingston. Ms. Robertson Lopez will also be working on Bukhara.

The Chair also asked that each sister city representative provide a name of their Mayor and the contact information. It was also recommended that each sister city representative offer 6-8 pictures.

Bernard Rubenstein: Member of the Cuba Sister City reported that Carl Moore will be going to Holguin in the next 2 days. His last trip was very successful and his art show was a great success. In the first trip, Mr. Rubenstein sent a letter with Mr. Moore to the Cuban contact there and the response was from a new Cuban official. The contacts and relationships will be nourished. The opportunity to bring a dance company from Cuba will be researched. Mr. Rubenstein was recognized for his generosity as he has taken musical supplies and USB flash drive for their use.

Rudy Fernandez – Reported that Parral, Mexico has a new Mayor. Mr. Fernandez has sent a congratulatory note to the new Mayor. Mr. Fernandez noted that he has also made contact with the new Presidente Municipal who has not responded. The Chair asked Mr. Fernandez to draft a letter for Mayor Coss signature to the new Mayor and to coordinate through Ms. Bystrom. Mr. Fernandez continues to communicate with the past Presidente Municipal and they continue to welcome Santa Fe back to visit. Mr. Fernandez and Mr. Delgado will gather pictures.

Gilbert Delgado Reported on Santa Fe de la Granada – The documents for the Sister City relationship was signed and the school relationship program was also approved. There were some bumps in the road regarding immigration status and visas to get the students here to Granada. At this time 1 student is going from St. Mikes to Granada for 1 trimester, and 2 more students are also earmarked. Mr. Delgado said that the future goal of this Committee should be to have a set plan for each sister city visit in order to make the visits more progressive.

Mr. Rubenstein and the Chair said that they would like to try to tie in to the International Baccalaureate program at the high school.

Cathi Magni: Mr. Delgado has reported that the sister city agreement was reaffirmed during the visit to Sorrento, Italy. Sorrento is also interested in a school exchange program and interested in a museum exchange. Mr. Delgado reminded the committee that it is important to work on the commemoration for Andrea who is up in age. Ms. Magni said that the Italy Sister City committee is planning a party in March and asked if that would be a good time to do this. Ms. Magni said that the party in March is at a private home and the venue may not be the time for this honorable event. Mr. Delgado would prefer that this event be specifically dedicated to Andrea and that advertising and promotion be strong. It was proposed to do a proclamation and declare it his day. Ms. Magni and Mr. Delgado will work on the specifics for Mr. Andrea (Drew) Bacigalupa Day.

Ling Tong: The Chinese Foreign Affairs Ministry encourages sister city relationships and activities. The Chinese Counsel in Los Angeles is very supportive of the events in the Southwest. The new Counsel General was honored at a breakfast at La Fonda here in Santa Fe and the sister city relationship was discussed. Ms. Tong also went to LA to discuss what activities and cultural events could be shared. It was suggested to have a China Day with a big celebration. In addition, Zhangjiajia delegation will be here for only one day, they will tour the capitol, Lunch with Mayor Coss, lunch at Santa Café and they would like to visit nursing homes. They are interested in care for the elders. Ms. Bystrom said that the delegation will visit the senior facility that the City of Santa Fe sponsors. The Chair would like to see the list of the delegation and afford an opportunity for the Sister Cities Committee to meet them.

V. Staff Reports & Updates

Update on the delegation coming in February from China. Sister Cities Committee will welcome the group at the Airport if possible and arrange other timely events. (More information to follow). Ms. Bystrom is working on the hotel arrangements as Hotel Santa Fe was suggested. Congratulations to Ms. Bystrom for all of her hard work.

VI. Committee Updates

Santa Fe has received an award for Arts and Culture by Sister City International and the Chinese People Embassy. This award will be presented in March, 2014 in Washington, DC. – Zhangjiajia China Sister City Awards Ceremony during the 2014 US-China Sister Cities Conference on March 27, 2014. Ms. Tong and the Chair are both planning to attend.

San Miguel de Allende – A sister city representative will need to be identified from the Sister City Committee.

Tsuyama, Japan – Arthur Olivas is presently in Japan and upon his return can report on Monte del Sol program and possibly here from the Teacher working on this program as well.

Cathy Magni – Italian Film Festival (La Serata Italiana) is coming to Santa Fe, it will benefit UNM Children's Hospital. It will be presented at 4:00 pm at the Screen, 1600 St. Michael's Drive followed by a dinner at Osteria. It is a benefit and the cost is \$100 for Carnevale in Venezia. The City of Santa Fe is a sponsor of this event which will take place on February 9, 2014.

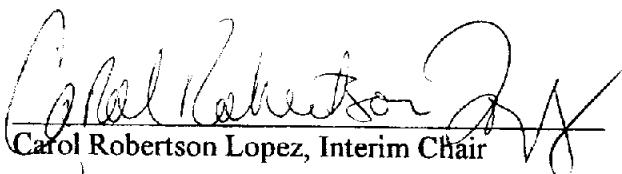
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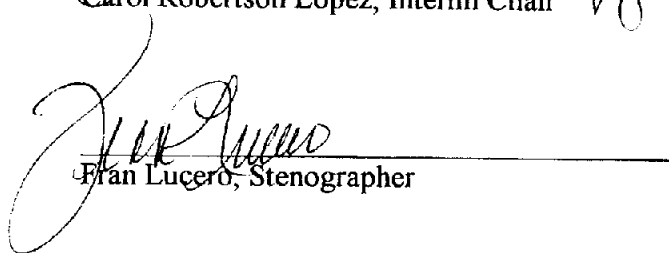
Mr. Delgado informed the committee that a dear friend of Santa Fe Sister Cities and of his had passed away in Spain, Pepe Tobasco. The Chair and Committee closed the meeting in remembrance and memory of Pepe Tobasco from Spain who recently passed.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Sister Cities Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Signature Page:


Carol Robertson Lopez, Interim Chair


Fran Lucero, Stenographer