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SANTA FE SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

City Councilors' Conference Room

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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 - a. January 15, 2014
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Wednesday, February 12, 2014
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 4:10 pm, Planning 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
Dr. Jeff Case
Gilbert Delgado
Arthur Olivas
Kim Song
Ling Tong, Alternate

Not Present

Bernard Rubenstein, Excused
Carl Moore, Excused

Others Present

Debra Garcia y Griego, Arts Commission Director
Julie Bystrom, Staff Liaison
Anna Serrano for Fran Lucero, Stenographer

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. January 15, 2014
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Dr. Case moved to approve the minutes as amended, second by Mr. Fernandez, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. Report from the Interim Chair – Carol Robertson Lopez

Point of Reference: The Interim Chair will be referred to as the Chair in the body of the minutes.

Annual Report

The Chair stated that at the last meeting she had talked about doing an Annual Report. She was pleased to report that the first draft is ready for review and would suggest the city do extensive editing and review. Her recommendation is to have each Sister City on the city's website. The good thing is that once we have a working document we can add information to it. The Chair asked that any digital pictures which could be used be sent to her as soon as available. Chair Lopez will also assure that the Arts Commission Director reviews and integrates any portion the city would like referenced. Thank you to the Chair from the staff and Sister Cities Committee members for the quick turnaround in making this a reality.

Chair Lopez would like to receive any pictures available from the signing ceremony at San Miguel de Allende. Chair Lopez also asked Ms. Garcia y Griego to pass on the draft to the Mayor for any input he might have. Thank you again to Mr. Delgado for his dedicated service to the Sister Cities Committee and for all of the work he has done and coordinated so that made this Annual Report could be possible.

Dr. Case asked if it was appropriate to make a motion to accept the model presented in order to have something to move forward on. Ms. Debra Garcia y Griego advised the committee that action could not be taken as it was not published in the agenda. It will be placed on next month's agenda.

Chair Lopez talked about the City Council meeting on February 26th, which is hoped to be in honor of Mr. Andrea (Drew) Bacigalupa Day. The Chair asked for Ms. Garcia Y Griego's assistance in preparing and requesting the proclamation. Mr. Delgado will work with Ms. Garcia y Griego to assure that everything is formalized. The media part of this is that it will be recorded on TV and archived. It was also recommended that Italian flags be ordered if at all possible.

V. Staff Reports & Updates

Update on the delegation coming in February from China. Ms. Bystrom has been working on the agenda for the visit next week and she detailed the information with the committee. Sister Cities Committee will welcome the group at the Airport if possible and arrange other timely events. (More information to follow). Ms. Bystrom stated that they will visit the senior centers as this was one of their requests as well as visiting NDI.

Dr. Case asked if the visiting delegation(s) complete any type of evaluation form. Ms. Bystrom said that they have not done this practice in the past. The Chair said that could be worked on in the future as time did not permit for this particular visit. The inquiry would be simple enough to ask how they liked their visit; if they had more time what would they have liked to do.

VI. Committee Updates

Tsuyama, Japan – Arthur Olivas

Santa Fe has received an award for Arts and Culture by Sister City International and the Chinese People Embassy. This award will be presented on March 24th, 2014 in Washington, DC. – Zhangjiajia China Sister City Awards Ceremony during the 2014 US-China Sister Cities Conference. Ms. Tong and the Chair are both planning to attend.

San Miguel de Allende – Mr. Fernandez reported that he has not been able to make contact with the new Mayor recently elected.

The Chair interjected that when a new Mayor elected in Santa Fe, letters will be sent to all of the Sister City contacts introducing the new Mayor.

Cathy Magni – The film festival was taking place this same week in Albuquerque, NM and she was unable to attend.

Mr. Delgado reported that the event with Andrea Bacigalupa is the priority at this time. Nothing new to report at St. Mikes.

Kim Song talked about the relationship with Mr. Han, the master potter in Icheon who is donating one of his exquisite pieces from the Contemporary Gallery exhibition to the Santa Fe Community College. She is working on this exchange. Ms. Song said that in the past the Deputy Mayor in Icheon set up the sister city relationship. There is a new election taking place and the Deputy Mayor is running for Mayor, it is not known who will be the new Mayor. A new contact person will need to be identified after the elections.

Dr. Case – Nothing to report on Africa.

On another matter, Dr. Case, as a member of the Board of Directors for the Council of Educators; spoke about the Masters Program at SFCC and said they are identifying a project to work on. Dr. Case suggested working through the Sister Cities committee. Recommendation is to work on one sister city, assure that it is coordinated through Debra Garcia y Griego for approval. Public schools and private schools will be involved. The Chair also discussed a March 1, 2014 function that Dr. Case is working on with the Turkey delegation. He said that he has a contact that coordinates travel with teachers who come from Turkey for 2 weeks. The program starts with a

lecture and the Chef from SFCC creates a wonderful cultural cuisine. More information can be viewed on the CIR website. The value for the Sister Cities committee members is to keep eyes and ears open for funding opportunities.

Dr. Case took a moment to thank Mr. Fernandez for accompanying him to the office of the Mexican Consulate in Albuquerque to seek scholarships and money for Mexican Nationals in Santa Fe. There is now an exchanged communication with Mexico. He thanked Mr. Fernandez for all of his help.

Chair Lopez suggested that there is an extra page in the Annual Report that could be used to recognize these types of accomplishments and acknowledgements. Another suggested recognition topic would be the relationship with JIN. Collaboration and coordination relationships should be documented so the work can continue.

Dr. Case has also sent an e-mail to Mr. Roy Martinez who is involved with the San Miguel de Allende group for more information.

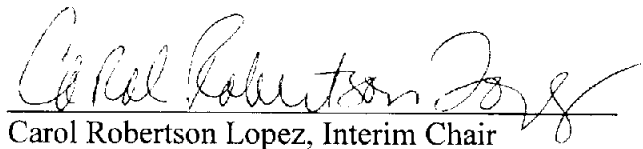
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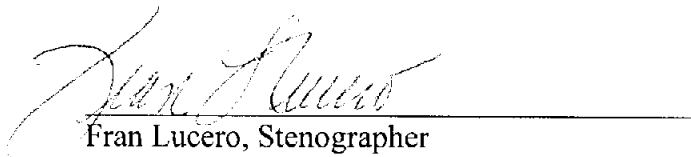
Ms. Garcia y Griego has been asked by the Mayor to write letters to all of the Sister Cities to extend his farewell gratitude.

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