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SANTA FE SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

City Councilors' Meeting Room

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The Santa Fe Sister Cities Committee meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by the Interim Chair, Carol Robertson Lopez. A quorum was declared by roll call.

Present:

Carol Robertson Lopez

Rudy Fernandez

Cathy Magni

Dr. Jeff Case

Bernard Rubenstein

Arthur Olivas

Kim Song

Not Present:

Ling Tong

Gilbert Delgado

Carl Moore

Others Present:

Deborah Garcia y Griego, Director

Julie Bystrom, Staff Liaison

Anna Serrano for Fran Lucero, Stenographer

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Approval of Minutes

February 12, 2014

Correction:

Page 4 – Committee Updates – San Miguel de Allende – Mr. Fernandez reported that he could not make contact. It should be Parral not San Miguel de Allende.

Mr. Olivas moved to approve the minutes of February 12, 2014 as amended, second by Mr. Fernandez, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. Report of the Interim Chair – Carol Robertson Lopez

The Chair asked for concurrence to direct staff to create a letter to all sister cities with an introduction of the new Mayor Javier Gonzales as well as an invitation to these sister cities to welcome a delegation to visit Santa Fe. It would also be nice to send his picture.

Mr. Rubenstein said that he had received an inquiry from the Professor of Latin American studies at the University of NM asking for some recommendations. He stated that he would like to see a delegation from Santa Fe to Cuba.

The Chair stated that in an upcoming meeting discussion will take place on what the Mayor foresees for the Sister Cities Committee. The Chair would like to see a year-long calendar that projects the full year of activities and updated as information or invites are received. March 22nd is the JIN festival. One year Sister Cities was offered a table which was good exposure for the Sister Cities committee.

Mr. Olivas stated that he was in Tsuyama about 2 years ago and he met with their liaison. Mr. Olivas posed the question about taking a sister city group from Santa Fe to Japan. It normally takes about a year to orchestrate this type of a trip including coordination. Mr. Olivas is in hopes that the new Mayor will include an invitation to the sister cities and vice versa offer to have a delegation visit them from Santa Fe.

Mr. Fernandez informed the committee members that a delegation from Parral would come to Santa Fe if invited. An e-mail was sent to the Mayor in Parral who he has known from before. They also came to Santa Fe when he was Mayor. (Mr. Fernandez ready the content of the e-mail sent to the Alcalde Presidente and his response). He was the Mayor 15 years ago and is the Mayor again. He stated that the Mayor Parral would like to identify dates soon for a visit to Santa Fe.

Ms. Song stated that Icheon will have a new Mayor in July.

Ms. Garcia y Griego reported that Julie Bystrom has been contacted by San Miguel de Allende and they would like to plan a visit for Santa Fe delegation to visit them and for them to visit Santa Fe.

Mr. Rubenstein said that he received a lovely letter from the new representative in Holguin. The Chair asked Mr. Rubenstein to send Ms. Garcia y Griego a copy for the record.

Mr. Olivas recommended that sister city representatives be invited around a special event in Santa Fe.

Ms. Magnhi did receive information on the new Mayor in Sorrento and she will send it on to Ms. Garcia y Griego.

The Chair will also send current information on Bukhara and Zhangjiajia to Ms. Garcia y Griego.

V. Action Items

- a. Request to direct city staff to work with the multimedia office to create a brief, biographical video of Drew Bacigalupa

Thank you to Ms. Magni for a very successful presentation for Drew Bacigalupa at City Council. Feedback from Drew was he did not expect to be the center of attention and he loved it. The Chair said that she would like to capture moments such as this in the future on video tape.

Ms. Garcia y Griego reported that the city has Joe Abeyta from city multi-media office and he creates the documents for the city's website. Mr. Bacigalupa did receive the Mayor's recognition award.

The Chair would like to expand what we are doing and that the content be descriptive on the video. It is important to capture what Sister Cities is doing. Videos would be helpful for all of the committee members to share the experience of Santa Fe with their Sister Cities.

Mr. Olivas asked if other Sister Cities have their own city flags. Mr. Rubenstein said that Holguin has a symbol but not a flag. Mr. Olivas said that Tsuyama has a city flag. It was noted that if the committee did not have access to city flags if they could take state flags for any goodwill trips.

The Chair asked Ms. Garcia y Griego if the city could place an order for city flags. This discussion would be nice to have with the Mayor so he would have something to present to visitors.

Ms. Magni moved to approve the biographical video for Drew Bacigalupa, second by Mr. Olivas, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

VI. Approval of Annual Report

The Chair expressed her thanks to Ms. Garcia y Griego for creating a clean copy of the annual report and incorporating committee changes and suggestions. The Chair said that although this report is not totally inclusive of all updates, it will be a living document to add updates on sister cities. It also will be posted on the website. Note: Staff will correct typos. Distribution will be to Mayor Coss, Mayor Gonzales and City Council members, International Sister Cities Committee, Economic Development office for the City and the State Sister Cities. A more detailed list for distribution can be discussed at a following meeting.

Mr. Fernandez moved to approve the annual report with edits, second by Mr. Rubenstein, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Olivas asked if all of the members would receive a copy and the Chair responded, yes they would.

The Chair talked about the timeframe for updates on the Annual report. The suggestion from Dr. Case said that year-to-year might work better. The Chair agreed that review would be in December, 2014.

Ms. Garcia y Griego expressed her thanks to the Chair for working on this document.

VII. Report of Staff

Ms. Bystrom expressed her thanks for the smooth transition of chairmanship and for the completion of the annual report. The Chair complimented Ms. Bystrom for the great job in recognizing Drew Bacigalupa.

The Chair asked if the City has a Facebook page. Ms. Garcia y Griego stated that the Arts Commission and the City of Santa Fe both have a Facebook page.

VIII. Committee Updates

Mr. Fernandez stated that he has an open line of communication with the new Mayor of Parral and looks forward to a future date for the Parral delegation to visit Santa Fe. The delegation from Parral like to visit Santa Fe during the Fiesta de Santa Fe.

Mr. Rubenstein stated that Carl Moore just returned from his visit to Cuba. Mr. Moore is going to have an exhibition of many of his Cuban photos. Mr. Rubenstein will send the link to access these photos and the date of the exhibition will be sent to Ms. Bystrom for distribution to the committee. There is a good possibility of bringing a modern dance group from Holguin to Santa Fe. There are lots of changes in Cuba on a day-to-day basis. The Chair suggested to staff that the date of Mr. Moore's exhibition opening be on the website.

The Chair acknowledged the hard work that Ms. Song has done; we were sorry that the delegation from China did not come. Ms. Song said that the beautiful art piece from Mr. Hon is at the SFCC, President's office. There are other are pieces (pots) of Mr. Hon's have been shipped to Korea. Ms. Song asked if we knew how many sister cities are represented at Folk Art. Ms. Song said that she would like to see the Sister Cities committee solicit artists from our sister cities internationally to participate in the Folk Art.

Ms. Magni – Nothing new, worked on the Drew Bacigalupa presentation. There is a party coming up in July and more information to follow.

Mr. Olivas will provide an update on new Mayor in Japan when information is available.

Dr. Case reported on some of the students from the Masters Program who would like to do a project with Sister Cities. Dr. Case went to SFCC and provided them with some ideas and it was recommended that prior permission be granted. Specific information is not clear; Ms. Magni was asked to also be a part of a future discussion to get a clear understanding of what they would like to do.

Mr. Rubenstein worked on past years to bring the Pastors for Peace Caravan from Cuba. Mr. Rubenstein will be away in July and he asked for help to get an organization of younger people who could work with this visit to Santa Fe. They normally visit the first few days of July. The Chair asked Dr. Case if he had any youth groups that would be interested. Dr. Case said that this is vacation time for SFCC and that the idea of a church youth group would be the better suggestion.

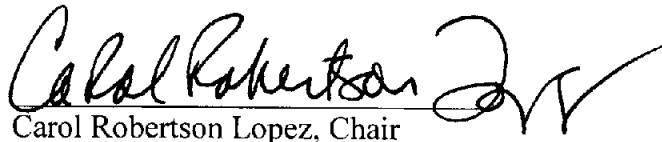
The Chair reported on Bukhara; there will be a number of delegates from Uzbekistan that will be at the Folk Art Market. Chair Lopez and Dr. Case chair a committee named the VIP committee and they invite high ranking officials, ambassadors, etc., and they would like to come to this committee to ask for help. More information will follow closer to June as to an itinerary of suggested visits during the Folk Art dates.

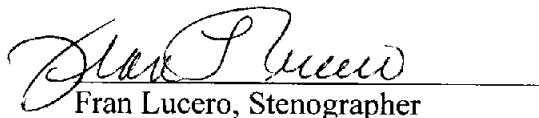
IX. Other Items
None

X. Adjournment

There being no further action to discuss at the Sister Cities Committee meeting, Mr. Fernandez made a motion to adjourn at 5:00 pm, second by Mr. Olivas, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Signature:


Carol Robertson Lopez, Chair


Fran Lucero, Stenographer