



# Agenda

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## SANTA FE SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 31, 2012

City Councilors' Conference Room

City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue

4:00 p.m.

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- I. Call to Order
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  - a. Financial Report
- IV. Report of the Committees
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  - b. Update on Holguin, Cuba – Bernard Rubenstein
  - c. Update on visits from ZhangJiaJie, China – Ling Tong, Carol Robertson Lopez and Jeff Case
- V. Report of Chair
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  - b. Approval of Sister Cities Agreement with San Miguel de Allende
  - c. Approval of 2013 Committee Meeting Schedule
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**SANTA FE SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, October 31, 2012**

City Council Chambers

200 Lincoln Avenue

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 pm

- I. Call to Order – The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm. The Committee met in the City Council Chambers, Santa Fe, NM.

Roll Call:

Present:

Gilbert Delgado, Chair

Rudy Fernandez

Arthur Olivas

Bernard Rubenstein

Carol Robertson-Lopez

Ling Tong

Alternates:

Kim Song, Excused

- II. Approval of Agenda

*Ms Carol Robertson-Lopez moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Mr. Rubenstein, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

- III. Approval of Minutes

- a. September 19, 2012

Corrections:

Page 5, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph: City of Eulalia not Juliana

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

- III. Report of the Liaison

- a. Financial Report

Sister Cities agreement still has \$15,000 in the contract. Ms. Bystrom took a minute to express her sincerest of thanks to everyone who participated in the visit with the delegation from Zhang, Jai Jie, China. Everyone was wonderful and did a great job hosting this group. It was very fast and very intense and thank you for all the hard work.

Ms. Bystrom shared a scholarship opportunity received from International in Washington, DC. It is an exchange program; Ms. Bystrom is working to get this out to the Superintendent's office and out to the public schools. There are a number of great opportunities for our students. An electronic copy will be sent to all committee members and Jeff will assist to disseminate.

The Chair asked if we get mail regularly from International. He would like to receive this valuable pieces of communication in the future.

Ms. Bystrom provided Mr. Delgado with the sister city agreement for San Miguel Allende.

#### IV. Report of the Committees

a. Update on Uzbekistan, Bukhara – Carol Robertson Lopez

The State Department contacted the Mayor as well as Ms. Lopez as they were going on a mission to Uzbekistan and they wanted to hand deliver a letter from our Mayor inviting the Mayor from Bukhara to come during the Folk Art Market week in the hopes that we could have an addition in the Folk Art Market a Bukhara - Santa Fe Day. The letter was acquired, translated into Russian, signed by the Mayor and sent overnight to the State Department and it was hand delivered by Rita Jones who is one of the Chief Deputy's under Hilary Clinton. They are very interested in our relationship with Bukhara because the United States has so few relationships with Uzbekistan. We have not received a response as of this date but expect to hear back from them within a month. Ms. Lopez also was in contact with the Ambassador from Uzbekistan who has also expressed interest and therefore did request funding. She also has been in contact with Open World which is out of the Library of Congress that funds citizen diplomacy efforts with former Soviet Union countries and has asked for money to support this effort.

The Chair expressed his thanks for this great report.

b. Update on Holguin, Cuba – Bernard Rubenstein

Only news is bad news as a result of Hurricane Sandie. There was considerable destruction in eastern Cuba; the city of Santiago had tens of thousands of home that were destroyed or severely damaged as well as the city of Holguin. An e-mail has been received from the Caritas Foundation informing Mr. Rubenstein that they are working on some funding to get help to Cuba. The city of Santiago, as of today is still without electricity and water.

c. Update on visits from ZhangJiaJie, China – Ling Tong, Carol Robertson Lopez and Jeff Case – The Chair added his thank you and compliments to Julie and all who hosted the group from China. Unfortunately, as a committee we did not have a chance to jump in and help much as we did not know a lot of the particulars. Fortunately, Carol, Ling, Jeff and Julie stepped right in to make this a success. They are very educated people and are very anxious to learn and to have an exchange with Santa Fe, NM. Ling reported that everyone did such a terrific job and everything went well with

the protocol. The Chair asked when these type of visits are going to take place it would be good to have the Sister City Committee informed in the beginning stages in order to offer the committees services. Ms. Lopez will help when this delegation is here the latter part of November.

V. Report of Chair

- a. Update on Sorrento, Italy – The Chair said that there has not been a good tracking with Sorrento in getting a response back from them. Mr. Delgado will continue to make the effort to get a communication from them. We still have the portrait from Andrea and can move forward to plan a presentation until we know if the delegation from Sorrento will come to Santa Fe in the near future. It is still recommended to have a small delegation from Santa Fe go to Sorrento; but it would be nice to have an invitation from them.

- b. Approval of Sister Cities Agreement with San Miguel de Allende

The Chair asked that the committee members read carefully the agreement. There is some strong language in this document and requires further review. Ms. Garcia suggested that a task force be created to review this agreement but the Chair felt that the Sister Cities Committee should respond back with recommended changes and concerns in the document. The Chair would also like to get a member on the committee who frequents San Miguel de Allende. The Chair reiterated that this agreement needs to be modified and when everyone is in agreement it would then be translated and sent to San Miguel de Allende. Ms. Lopez suggested that this agreement be reviewed with Councilor Wurzbarger for her input as she has personally spear headed this relationship with San Miguel de Allende. Julie noted that this document has been reviewed by the legal office and she brought to Debra's attention the wording and requests in this agreement. Julie did e-mail the representative in San Miguel de Allende to let them know that it had been received and that this agreement had to be reviewed and that they could anticipate some changes. Ms. Lopez said that we should be in the language that we don't have the staff to support this agreement. Councilor Wurzbarger would be the first to understand the staffing constraints and get it back to the manageable level. It would take two staff people to do what they are requesting, full time. The Chair directed that the agreement be sent on to Councilor Wurzbarger and express the financial concerns and request direction on how she would like to proceed and how she envisions a relationship with these two cities, possibly invite her to the next scheduled meeting. The Chair asked if we sent them a copy of our guidelines. Ms. Lopez said that she believes they should have them as they are part of the US/Mexico Sister Cities Association. It was noted that Joe Schepp has a home in San Miguel Allende and is very interested in getting this agreement finalized.

- c. Approval of 2013 Committee Meeting Schedule

It was proposed to have the meeting changed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month starting in January, 2013.

*Ms. Lopez moved to approve the 2013 Sister Cities Committee calendar and meeting be changed and approved for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month starting January, 2013, second by Mr. Olivas, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

Ms. Bystrom will check the resolution to assure that this date coincides with the resolution. She will talk to the City Clerk.

d. Discussion of committee vacancy replacements

The Chair will be meeting with to prospective members and bring their names forward to the committee if there is a strong interest. At this time we have three vacancies.

Ms. Lopez said that Mr. Case is very interested in working on Livingston, Africa. Having been there, he would like to work on that. He is developing his e-connection program which he started with Zhang Jia Jie where students can stay in contact. Ms. Lopez will also look for other candidates who would be good quality individuals for this committee. She will speak to Mr. Case and see if he would consider and be interested in being a member of the committee.

*Mr. Rubenstein moved to have Jeff Case name sent to the Mayor as a prospective member, second by Mr. Fernandez, motion carried by unanimous vote.*

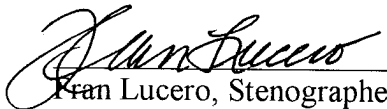
Mr. Olivas offered the name of Dr. Brown and his wife. They would like to be Chairs of the South Korea Sister City Group. Mr. Olivas doesn't feel like he can tell them that they would be the Chairs. Councilor Wurzbarger needs to remain involved and it should include Kim Song, Dr. Brown and his wife, and members from the committee to get a feel for what role they want to hold. It was suggested that the Brown's be invited to the next meeting.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Sister City Committee, Ms. Rubenstein moved to adjourn at 5:00 pm, second by Mr. Fernandez, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Gilbert Delgado, Chair

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Fran Lucero, Stenographer

## ***U.S. Department of State Youth Exchange Scholarships for U.S. High School Students***

The U.S. Department of State announces scholarships for American high school students to study abroad:

**The National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y)** offers merit-based scholarships to U. S. high-school aged students for overseas study of seven critical foreign languages: Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Korean, Persian (Tajik), Russian and Turkish. The NSLI-Y program is designed to immerse participants in the cultural life of the host country, giving them invaluable formal and informal language practice and sparking a lifetime interest in foreign languages and cultures. Applications for summer 2013 and academic year 2013-2014 programs are due **November 1, 2012**. Visit [www.nsliforyouth.org](http://www.nsliforyouth.org) for more information.

**The Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Abroad Program** offers scholarships to American high school students to spend the 2013-14 academic year in countries that may include Bosnia & Herzegovina, Egypt, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mali (semester), Morocco, Oman, South Africa, Thailand, Tunisia, and Turkey. This post 9/11 program focuses on increasing understanding between people in the U.S. and countries with significant Muslim populations. The application deadline is **January 10, 2013**. Visit the [YES Program's website](#) for more information.

**The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program (CBYX)** was established in 1983 to celebrate German-American friendship based on common values of democracy. Secondary school students live with host families, attend local schools, and participate in community life in Germany. Young professionals (undergraduates) and high school graduates of vocational studies ages 18-24 study and participate in practical training. Scholarships are now available for academic year 2013-14; application deadlines vary by U.S. region and range from September 2012 to January 2013. For more information and application deadlines, visit the organization in charge of recruitment for your state at [USAGermanyScholarship.org](http://USAGermanyScholarship.org).

**The American Youth Leadership Program** offers opportunities for American high students and educators to travel abroad on a three- to four-week-long exchange program to gain first-hand knowledge of foreign cultures and to collaborate on solving global issues. Several different organizations implement this program, and each has organized an academic and experiential educational exchange focused on dialogue and debate, leadership development, and community service. Recruitment areas and application deadlines vary, so please check the [American Youth Leadership Program](#) website for more information.



*Exhibit A*

**SISTERHOOD AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE  
OF THE STATE OF GUANAJUATO OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES AND THE  
CITY OF SANTA FE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

The City of San Miguel de Allende of the State of Guanajuato of the United Mexican States and the City of Santa Fe of the State of New Mexico of the United States of America; hereinafter referred to as "the Parties";

**CONSIDERING** their interest to strengthen the friendship ties and cooperation that join both Parties;

**ACKNOWLEDGING** that the cities have the intention to develop collaborative activities, under the law provisions of the United States of America and the United Mexican States, with particular attention to the terms related to business exchange, commerce, culture and craftsmanship;

**DECLARING** their decision to strengthen their relationship of collaboration through the proper legal channels;

**CONVINCED** of the importance of establishing mechanisms that contribute to the development and strengthening of bilateral cooperation, as well as the necessity to execute projects and actions that are effective in the economic and social development of both Parties;

Have agreed to the following:

**ARTICLE I  
Objective**

The objective of the present Agreement is to formalize the sisterhood between the City of San Miguel de Allende from the State of Guanajuato of the United Mexican States and the City of Santa Fe from the State of New Mexico of the United States of America, to encourage bilateral cooperation, to intensify common efforts, and to exchange experiences and the execution of common activities that contribute the development of both cities.

*Exhibit B*

## **ARTICLE II**

### **Areas of Cooperation**

To reach the objective of the present Agreement, the Parties commit themselves to develop cooperative projects, specifically directed, but not limited to the following areas:

- a) Promotion of business, investments and commerce.- through the exchange of commercial missions to explore the investment and commerce opportunities that can be developed in the sister city. Both parties will encourage the participation in exhibitions, fairs and business forums, aiming to increase the flow of goods and services between each party.
- b) Educative Exchange: Provide the opportunity for students of both cities to access to workshops, symposiums, conferences and internships. The parties will also promote scholarships offering a preferential treatment to the inhabitants of the sister city.
- c) Cultural exchange: Consists on the permanent diffusion of the history and traditions of the sister city. To achieve this purpose, each party owe to establish promotion mechanisms and public spaces that will encourage the rapprochement between both cultures.
- d) Promotion of Tourism: Each party will establish a promotion campaign aiming to diffuse the touristic attractions of the other party. Both parties will share all the information needed and will promote the sister city through their tourism offices. Each party owe to bring all the support that the tourists coming from their sister city could need.
- e) Government development: both parties will promote the exchange of scientist, professionals that will transmit the knowledge of new technologies and development mechanisms. The parties will also promote the involvement of workers of the local government in training workshops, especially in areas related to public administration and public policy that take place in the sister city.
- f) Environmental Cooperation: both parties will share best practices to promote sustainable development, promoting pollution prevention policies and practices and encourage environmental education and research.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Modalities of Cooperation**

The Parties agree that the actions of cooperation which are referred to in the present Agreement shall be carried out through the following modalities:

- a) Promotion and diffusion: each party will encourage promoting campaigns of the sister city through the local tourism office, to make people know the most important tourist sites and increase business and pleasure trips to the sister city.
- b) Promotion of business, investments and commerce: through promoting business trips to explore the commercial and investment possibilities that can be developed in the sister city.
- c) Promotion, organization and participation in fairs, seminars, symposiums, workshops and conferences that help increase the promotion of each party in the sister city.
- d) Promote cultural, artistic and sportive exchanges that will offer to distinguished people in such spheres, the opportunity of participant in international contests, exhibitions and conferences where they can share their achievements and learn from their sister city's colleagues experiences.
- e) Mutual comprehension and support, based on either city's available cultural resources, of tours, music performances, co-productions, and other artistic programs.

#### **ARTICLE IV Competence**

The Parties commit themselves to carry out the modalities of cooperation, referred to in Article III of the present Agreement, in accordance to their respective faculties, subject to the political and economical laws and regulations of their respective Governments.

#### **ARTICLE V Annual Action Programs**

In order to achieve the objectives of the present Agreement, the Parties agree to formulate, through prior discussion, Annual Action Programs (AAP's), which shall become an integral part of the present Agreement once they are formalized.

The AAP's shall be integrated with specific projects or activities, which must reference each of the following aspects:

- a) objectives and activities to develop;
- b) work agenda;
- c) profile, quantity and duration of the assigned personnel;

- d) responsibility of each Party;
- e) assignment of materials, personnel and financial resources;
- f) evaluation mechanism and,
- g) Any other appropriate information.

The operation of this Agreement shall not be conditioned to the signing Parties to establish projects in all the modalities of cooperation, nor are they obligated to collaborate in those activities where internal prohibitions exists or derived by law, institutional normative, or customs.

The Parties shall meet annually in order to evaluate the results derived from the present Agreement and to propose new guidelines for the development of projects of mutual interest.

The Parties shall produce progress reports of achievements based on the present Agreement and shall communicate them to their respective Chancellery, as well as the bilateral departments determined by mutual agreement.

Both Parties agree to formulate the first Action Program within sixty (60) days after the signing date of the present Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

##### **Additional Collaboration Proposals**

Notwithstanding the Annual Action Program referred to in Article V of the present Agreement, each Party may formulate additional proposals, as they may arise during the implementation of activities predetermined through the AAP.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

##### **Coordination and Follow-Up Mechanism**

In order to establish a mechanism and criteria for the coordination, supervision and evaluation of the activities carried out under the present Agreement, as well as to assure the best conditions for its execution, a Working Group, integrated by representatives of both Parties, shall be established, and coordinating each parties activities the following areas:

On behalf of the City of San Miguel de Allende, of the State of Guanajuato of the United Mexican States, the Office of Economic enforcement and International Relations shall be designated as the liaison to carry out this program;

On behalf of the City of Santa Fe, of the State of New Mexico of United States of America, the Office of Sister Cities liaison of Santa Fe, New Mexico shall be designated as the liaison to carry out this program.

The Working Group shall meet periodically in a location agreed upon by the Parties, in order to evaluate the activities derived from the application of the present Agreement. The Working Group shall have the following functions:

- a) Make the necessary decisions in order to carry out the objectives of the present Agreement;
- b) identify the areas of common interest in order to elaborate and formulate specific cooperation projects;
- c) orientate, organize and formulate relevant recommendations in order to fulfill the activities of the present Agreement;
- d) receive, examine and approve the progress reports in the areas of cooperation within the present Agreement, and
- e) Any other functions that the Parties may agree upon.

#### **ARTICLE VIII Financing**

The Parties shall finance the activities referred to in the present Agreement with the assigned resources in their respective budgets according to the availability and terms of their legislation. Each Party shall pay the expenses related to its participation, except in the case that alternate financial mechanisms may be used for specific activities, if considered appropriate.

#### **ARTICLE IX Information, Material and Protected Equipment**

The Parties agree that information, material and protected equipment deemed classified by national legislation for national security or foreign relation purposes of either Party, shall not be subject to transfer within the present Agreement.

When undertaking activities pursuant to this Agreement, any information, material and equipment which require or could require protection and classification is identified, the

Parties shall inform the adequate authorities and establish in writing, the corresponding measures.

The transference of information, material and equipment, which is not protected or classified, but which exportation is regulated by one of the Parties, shall be done according to the applicable national legislation and should be identified, along with its intended use or subsequent transference. If any of the Parties consider it necessary, measures shall be taken to prevent the non-authorized transference or re-transference of such property.

#### **ARTICLE X**

##### **International Instruments**

The cooperation referred to in the present Agreement shall not affect the rights and duties which the Parties have acquired regarding other international instruments.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

##### **Intellectual Property**

If as a result of actions carried out in accordance with this Agreement, products of commercial value and/or rights of intellectual property are generated, these shall be determined by the applicable national legislation, as well as the International Conventions, which are binding for both Parties.

#### **ARTICLE XII**

##### **Employment Relationship**

The personnel assigned by each Party for the execution of cooperation activities derived from the present Agreement, shall continue under the direction and dependence of the institution to which he/she pertains, and shall not create any labor relation with the other Party, which in no case shall be considered as a substitute employer.

The Parties shall carry out the necessary procedures under their respective authorities in order to facilitate the entry and departure of participants who are officially involved in the projects derived from the present Agreement. Such participants shall be subject to the immigration, tax, customs, sanitary and national security laws of the receiving country and may not partake in any activity other than those pertaining to their functions, without the previous authorization of the competent authorities in this field.

The Parties shall encourage that the personnel involved in such activities have medical, personal damage and life insurance, so that, if a damage results from such activities derived from the present Agreement, repair or indemnification shall be covered by the corresponding insurance company.

In accordance with article IV, the parties will include Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) or people from the civil society to promote relationships between both communities. Each party will inform to the sister city, about the designated NGO, within 60 days after the signature of the present agreement and those NGOs could participate in the elaboration of the Annual Action Programs.

### **ARTICLE XIII Disputes Settlement**

Any difference or divergence derived from the interpretation or application of the present Instrument shall be resolved by both Parties in common agreement.

### **ARTICLE XIV Final Provisions**

The present Agreement shall go into effect upon the date of its signature and shall remain in effect until any of the parties decide to end it, by evaluation and acceptance by both Parties through written communication, six months before to the dissolution of the agreement.

The present Agreement may be modified by mutual consent of the Parties, by formalizing it through written communications and specifying the date of its enforcement.

The anticipated termination of the present Agreement shall not affect the completion of the activities, formalized while it was in force.

Signed in the City of San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, and the City of Santa Fe of 2012, in two original and official copies in the Spanish and English languages, all texts being equally authentic.

**ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SAN  
MIGUEL DE ALLENDE, GUANAJUATO,  
OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES**

**ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SANTA  
FE, NEW MEXICO OF THE UNIED  
STATES OF AMERICA**

**LUZ MARÍA NUÑEZ FLORES  
Mayor**

**DAVID COSS  
Mayor**

**HONORARY WITNESS**

CITY OF SANTA FE:

ATTEST:

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YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY

8/29/12

APPROVED:

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DR. MELVILLE L. MORGAN,  
FINANCE DIRECTOR

Official Proclamation of Sister Cities Declaration  
The Honorable Rebecca Wurzburger  
Mayor Pro Tem of Santa Fe, New Mexico  
The Honorable Luz Maria Nuñez Flores  
Mayor of San Miguel De Allende

WHEREAS: In order to further the traditional links of friendship between Santa Fe, New Mexico and San Miguel De Allende and to confirm their mutual aspiration to work in unison for the benefit of their cities and nations, the Honorable Rebecca Wurzburger, Mayor Pro Tem, on behalf of the Honorable David Coss, Mayor of the City of Santa Fe, and the Honorable Luz Maria Nuñez Flores, Mayor of the City of San Miguel De Allende on this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2012, do hereby acknowledge and confirm the sister cities agreement between the City of Santa Fe and the City of San Miguel De Allende; and

WHEREAS: the City of Santa Fe and the City of San Miguel De Allende, on the basis of friendly cooperation, equality and mutual benefit will develop a sister cities relationship to promote and broaden economic cooperation, tourism and cultural exchanges between the two cities; and

WHEREAS: the two cities do hereby declare their interest in exploring the establishment of sister cities relations between Santa Fe and San Miguel De Allende as follows:

WHEREAS: exchanges will be promoted in the area of the arts such as exhibits, music, dance and other cultural activities; and

WHEREAS: exchanges will be promoted in education and the establishment of contacts between education institutions encouraged, including school to school exchange programs; and

WHEREAS: finding ways to benefit each other economically, including cross-promotion of tourism highlighting the cultural and creative tourism assets of both cities; and

WHEREAS: we declare our intention to promote exchanges in such fields as science and technology, sports, health, youth and any area that will contribute to the prosperity and the further development of friendship between the people of our cities.

AFFIRMATION OF SISTER CITIES DECLARATION DAY

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The Honorable Rebecca Wurzburger  
Mayor Pro Tem of Santa Fe

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The Honorable Luz Maria Nuñez Flores  
Mayor of San Miguel De Allende