



Agenda

SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Administrative Conference Room, TOURISM Santa Fe

201 West Marcy Street

505-955-6707

4:00 to 5:00 PM

Goals of the Sister Cities Committee:

More effectively market Sister Cities and what they do
Develop educational programs in schools
Strengthen relationships with existing Sister Cities
Involve greater community in work and activities of Sister Cities
Re-enforce and build existing relationships through trade and tourism efforts

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes – October 9, 2019
5. Report of Staff
Pauline Kanako Kamiyama, Arts Commission Director, pkkamiyama@santafenm.gov
Randy Randall, Tourism Santa Fe Director, rrandall@santafenm.gov
Erminia Tapia, Project Specialist, Arts Commission, emtapia@santafenm.gov
6. Report of Chair
7. Reports & Updates
 - a) Education Committee, Jeff Case, Ph.D. and Sky Stiha
 - b) Bukhara, Uzbekistan
 - c) Holguin, Cuba
 - d) Icheon, South Korea
 - e) Livingstone, Zambia
 - f) Parral, Mexico
 - g) San Miguel de Allende, Mexico
 - h) Santa Fe de la Vega, Spain
 - i) Sorrento, Italy
 - j) Tsuyama, Japan
 - k) Zhangjiajie, China
8. Adjourn

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MINUTES
OCTOBER 9, 2019
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

GOALS TO THE SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

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1. Call to Order

Acting Chair, Rudy Fernandez called the Sister Cities Meeting to order at 4:00 pm, Administrative Conference Room, 201 West Marcy Street, Santa Fe, NM, a quorum is declared in roll call.

ROLL CALL:

Present

Rudy Fernandez, Acting Chair

Dr. Jeff Case

Arthur Olivas

Bernard Rubenstein

Not Present

Carol Robertson Lopez, Chair, Excused

Carl Moore

Sky Stith

Others Present

Brian Goldbeck, Guest

Pauline Kamiyama, Arts Director

Randy Randall, Tourism Director

Fran Lucero, Stenographer

2. Approval of Agenda

Bernie Rubenstein moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Arthur Olivas, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. Approval of Minutes, September 11, 2019

Dr. Case moved to approve the minutes of September 11, 2019 as presented, second by Mr. Rubenstein, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. Report from Staff

Ms. Pauline Kamiyama & Randy Randall

a) Report back on ending a Sister Cities relationship

Ms. Kamiyama talked about the information received from Mr. Goldenbeck on this subject. Dr. Case said that in past history there has been dissolution of sister cities. Other information was provided on a previous report explaining dissolution for political disputes. In Santa Fe there is a teacher that teaches at Mandela and Dr. Case handled a project where the students would speak in Chinese and shared with Zhangjiajie, China. Reference was made to Taiwan and right now the relationship is at a standstill for political reasons. Dr. Case was talking about another relationship/project they wanted to pursue with Livingston, Zambia. Also, he stated that we might not have to end the relationship.

Mr. Rubenstein added that there was a very productive exchange when the people from Livingston, Zambia visited and that sometimes they remain quiet when they have a change of politics. Mr. Fernandez said that he is experiencing the same thing with Parral. The committee members feel they should think about keeping the relationships alive.

Mr. Randall stated that if there is no reason to end a relationship, we shouldn't. But if there is a good reason to end it, other than being inactive, we should review before a decision is made. We did get an inquiry from the press in Santa Fe asking which sister city we were going to dissolve the relationship with.

Mr. Olivas said we should tread very carefully when we want to have a new sister city. It is nice to have it all on paper, but if we aren't going to work cohesively than why do we enter in to a sister city relationship. Germany sounds very exciting but if we don't find at least Santa Fe community support for these new relationships, we should be cautious on creating or ending a sister city relationship.

Mr. Goldbeck: A letter was sent to Zambia is that correct? Emails were sent. He stated that there are embassy's that can help. Diplomatic relationships are a very good resource.

Mr. Rubenstein has met with Mr. Lonergan and had a productive meeting. Discussion on next steps to follow.

b) Strategic Planning Retreat/Meeting Discussion

- Goals and where this committee should reside (TSF, Arts or other).
Postponed until the Chair is present and when the committee knows how many individuals are in our membership.

c) Discussion – How committee members are nominated?

Mr. Randall asked if there is a nominating process? He recommended that we follow the same procedure that all city committees follow; notice of committee availability be publicized, list be provided to the Mayor for his review, once Mayor selects, names are then presented to the City Council for approval. If anyone on the committee has a recommendation, we should encourage them, if qualified, to apply. The total membership is 10. Institutional knowledge is invaluable, it should be left to the discretions of the present member if they stay or leave.

Dr. Case said they had a list of interested individuals, resumes were given to former Mayor Gonzales and their names were put forward to the City Council and it was agreed upon and their appointments were made.

Mr. Rubenstein requested that staff publish a notice letting the public know that there are vacancies on the Sister Cities Committee.

Dr. Case said he would like to withhold any action on this item until the Chair is present. Dr. Case said the Chair has spoken to CIR and she may have updates for the future meeting regarding the process.

Mr. Randall stated that staff will take direction and speak with the city clerk to find out how many positions are available and when the chair is present the notice will be sent out to advertise the vacancies for the Sister City Committee. He also supported the committee's decision to not take any action until the chair returns.

Mr. Rubenstein and Mr. Olivas would be interested in releasing their positions if there were strong new members to represent their Sister Cities.

Mr. Randall said that the interested individuals need to send a letter to the Mayor if they have interest in a seat on this committee.

5. Report of the Chair

No report.

Mr. Randall provided a report on the Consul General's visit from the UK who is based out of Houston, TX.

6. Action Items

a. Approval of Pen Pal Project San Miguel de Allende

This is the project that Michelle Reich from the Library provided information to the Sister Cities Committee in a previous meeting. She has a home in San Miguel and she would like to do something with the Biblioteca in San Miguel and the Santa Fe libraries. Dr. Case and Mr. Randall have talked to her about many other opportunities.

Dr. Case asked for approval of this project, no money is involved in this project and Michelle will take the lead.

Dr. Case moved to approve the Pen Pal Project for San Miguel de Allende and Santa Fe Public Libraries, second by Mr. Olivas, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Randall said staff supports this action and if there was some funding needed, he would consider reviewing the purpose and amount.

7. Reports and Updates

a) Education Committee

Dr. Case sent attachment(s) to the committee, 1) student writing. It is some of the youth talking to us on Icheon. 2) You Tubes: Concert – and videos prepared by the staff at Icheon City Hall, very formal attire, two Korean Conductors. Dr. Case strongly encouraged the committee to view and comment on his attachments. It shows how two groups of students from one end of the country to another communicate and work together, how wonderful their relationship is – “music is such a good connector”. Dr. Case asked Pauline to please look at them, it would be so nice to show these videos publicly. It would be nice to recommend they be put on Channel 28. Mr. Randall said there is also the Santa Fe Network; Mr. Randall will share with Lee Zlotoff, (Director and Creator of the MacGyver Foundation) from Santa Fe Network. Dr. Case said it might take some editing, i.e., introduction to explain what the context is.

Dr. Case will have a report at next meeting on money that he has raised for the education committee.

b) Bukhara, Uzbekistan

The Chair was recently in Uzbekistan and she will report upon her return.

c) Holguin, Cuba

Mr. Rubenstein talked about a young violinist he met when he was in Cuba. She has to give up her violin when she graduates. Mr. Rubenstein will gift Sophia a violin he has. October 11th there will be a soccer match between Cuba and the US team.

d) Icheon, South Korea - No updates.

e) Livingstone, Zambia - No updates.

f) Parral, Mexico - No updates.

g) San Miguel de Allende, Mexico
Update reflected in minutes related to Pen Pal program.

h) Santa Fe de la Vega - No report.

i) Sorrento, Italy - No report.

j) Tsuyama, Japan - No report.
Mr. Olivas is hopeful to have Satori as a new member and she will have a report at next meeting on Mayor's visit next year.

k) Zhangjiajie, China - No report.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Sister Cities Committee the Acting Chair moved to adjourn at 5:00 pm.

Signature Page:

Rudy Fernandez, Acting Chair



Fran Lucero, Stenographer