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SANTA FE SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

TOURISM Santa Fe Administrative Conference Room

Santa Fe Community Convention Center

4:00 – 5:00pm

505-955-6707

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes – May 10, 2017
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5. Committee Reports
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 - 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
6. Adjourn

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SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 10, 2017
4:00 pm 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

Sister Cities Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair, Carol Robertson-Lopez at 4:00 pm; Administrative Conference Room, Tourism Santa Fe. A quorum is reflected under roll call.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Carol Robertson-Lopez
Dr. Jeff Case
Bernard Rubenstein
Arthur Olivas
Rudy Fernandez

Not Present:

Ling Tong
Kim Song, Alternate
Carl Moore
Clara Padilla-Andrews
Gilbert Delgado

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 15, 2017

Corrections: Spelling – ~~Suyama~~ Tsuyama
Central Asia Music Festival not in Bukhara

Mr. Rubenstein moved to approve the minutes of February 15, 2017 as amended, second by Mr. Fernandez, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

5. REPORT OF CHAIR

Ms. Garcia y Griego has returned to work after her hip surgery, it is so nice to have her back. The Arts Commission is re-organizing and Ms. Jackie Camborde will be our staff

liaison with the retirement of Julie Bystrom. Ms. Camborde set they are doing an alignment to match their skill sets, there are 4 full time staff members.

6. Committee Reports

- a. Bukhara, Uzbekistan – Chair Robertson-Lopez
The Chair and Dr. Case will be travelling to Bukhara next Wednesday. Trip is planned to attend their equivalent Folk Art Market (silk and spices) such as our Folk Art Market. The Mayor in Uzbekistan is appointed by the President of their central government had asked that they honor Ms. Carol Robertson-Lopez making her an honorary citizen. We should have another 15 citizens from Bukhara at the Folk Art Market. Dr. Case said she has worked very hard with the embassy in Washington; she has worked hard because she believes this is important. Congratulations to the Chair on her achievements and positive relationship that she has built with their government and the artisans to come to Santa Fe.
- b. Holguin, Cuba – Bernard Rubenstein
Mr. Rubenstein, due to health was unable to conduct his symphony in Cuba but he is doing very well now. Holguin has just finished an International Fair, called Feria de Turismo; and the special guest for this year was the country – Germany. Holguin is now considered a major tourism center. They have signed many agreements to offer the resorts, there are also special medical centers that are now open to service.
- c. Icheon, South Korea – Dr. Case
Rotary Youth Exchange Handbook – Reference – Rotary Santa Fe may connect with Rotary Icheon to do an exchange. This is a topic of discussion as well as community project opportunities. Dr. Case will send additional information on the recent Icheon trip. It was also mentioned that there should be people coming from Icheon for the Folk Art Festival. It was noted that it is believed that Mayor Cho may also come to Santa Fe; Councilor Ives will handle getting the letter of invitation. The Chair will work with Ms. Camborde on a guest list and the protocol that will take place during Mayor Cho's visit. There may be 5 in attendance at the Folk Art Festivities and the Chair will help to coordinate this visit. The Chair said they will be reaching out to the committee members for VIP's hosting and will work with staff on Mayor Cho's visit. Last year CIR was helpful in getting an international rate at the Drury Inn, hopefully if there is a contact for a downtown hotel that will provide them an opportunity to enjoy downtown Santa Fe. They will have ceramicist's here from Icheon and if we can get them connected with Ceramic groups in Santa Fe.
- d. Livingstone, Zambia – Chair Robertson
Albuquerque is coordinating a trip to Zambia at the cost of \$4500 a person after airfare. The coordination is being done outside of the Santa Fe Sister Cities committee. The Chair asked Dr. Case to write to the Mayor one more time to see if there is any opportunity.
- e. Parral, Mexico – Rudy Fernandez
Mr. Fernandez has been in contact with Parral, he sent a letter to the new Mayor and let them know we wanted to continue a strong relationship with Parral and

invited them to Santa Fe. Mr. Fernandez contact in Parral (Juan Pablo Carrillo-Rios) has not delivered the letter to the Mayor in Parral.

Dr. Case made mention of the essays from students in our sister cities.

- f. San Miguel de Allende, Mexico – Clara Andrews-Padilla
 - g. Santa Fe de La Vega, Spain – Jackie Camborde
The Chair said we should talk to Cynthia Delgado about the Prado Exhibit. The City is not coordinating the exhibit at Cathedral Park.
 - h. Sorrento, Italy – No report
 - i. Tsuyama, Japan – Arthur Olivas
Mr. Olivas has received some nice reports on Golden Week festivities in Japan. Essentially the city closes down for 1 week. Mr. Olivas has asked if the Mayor from Tsuyama could come to Santa Fe and they showed interest. Mr. Olivas said that at this time he couldn't give them a proposed date for the invitation. There is discussion from Santa Fe JIN talking about having a different venue, going from the Convention Center to the Railyard. Once there is a definite date and format, Mr. Olivas will then have a better opportunity to provide an invitation. Tsuyama wanted to bring dancers and even though it could be 2 years they need planning time.
 - j. Zhangjiajie, China – Carol Robertson
The Chair talked to the Counsel General in China and mentioned to him that the relationship has not been as strong as it was. One of the comments they discussed was strengthening the relationship between China and US students. The Chair would like to be invited back for the music festival, last visit Santa Fe took Mariachi music and it was so appreciated by those in China and ended up being the best musical group.
7. Committee Comments
Sister Cities International Conference will be held July 2017 in Virginia Beach. Request to staff is to have the city pay registration fee for the Chair and she will cover her own expenses.

Dr. Case shared the thank you note from Julie Bystrom and read the letter from her verbatim. It was a very touching letter. (Exhibit A)

Mr. Olivas asked if there was information on the Airport display. The Chair has asked staff to follow up on the Sister Cities/Airport display.

The Chair noted that formal protocol has to be followed when we have visitors from China. There is an estimate that 5 people will be coming to Santa Fe.

Dr. Case offered a letter from a student.

8. Adjourn

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

Signature Page:

Carol Robertson-Lopez, Chair



Fran Lucero, Stenographer