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SANTA FE SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 9, 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 – June 14, 2017
4. Report of Chair – Carol Robertson Lopez
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Bukhara, Uzbekistan
 - b. Holguin, Cuba
 - c. Icheon, South Korea
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 - e. Parral, Mexico
 - f. San Miguel de Allende, Mexico
 - g. Santa Fe de La Vega, Spain
 - h. Sorrento, Italy
 - i. Tsuyama, Japan
 - j. Zhangjiajie, China
6. Adjourn

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SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017
4:00 pm to 4:50 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.

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

The Chair noted that Ms. Song might be stepping down; she may leave to enjoy family time.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 10, 2017

Corrections: Page 3 – b. ~~Holguin~~ Symphonica de Holguin

Page 4, 1st sentence: Juan Pablo ~~Carrillo~~ Hernandez-Rios

Mr. Fernandez moved to approve the minutes of May 10, 2017 as amended, second by Dr. Case, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. REPORT OF CHAIR

The Chair noted that the Arts Commission continues to be under staffed and shared her appreciation for Jacqueline being at the meeting.

The Chair stated that there has been a lot of travel and our goal is to get through the summer. The Folk Art Market will soon be here in July; it is unknown who the VIPs are that might attend, once that is known the Chair will share with the committee members.

The Chair will make a phone call to those members who have not been in attendance to know what their interest is for continues service to the Sister Cities Committee.

5. Committee Reports

a. Education Committee – Dr. Jeff Case

At the last meeting we talked about the entries. We have two entries from the National Ceramic High School and four entries from the NM School for the Arts. Dr. Case asked if there was any room in the display case to share this information. The Chair said she is in discussion with Ms. Garcia y Griego, Director for the Arts Commission and they will work together to identify space. The Chair asked that we share the names with Jacqueline and Ms. Garcia y Griego so they could have Muchas Gracias Certificates from the Mayor for presentation.

b. Bukhara, Uzbekistan – Chair Robertson-Lopez

The Chair said she is very happy and shared she is now an Honorary Citizen of Bukhara and provided all the wonderful protocol details. She shared the ambiance of the local sales they have, a few items, spices and materials. The Chair was able to give 2 speeches at the conference. One of the outcomes of this magnificent trip is that in October of 2018 a trip will be sponsored to the City of Bukhara. The Chair is working with someone on the ground that will make the trip affordable for those who are interested. The Chair said that her preliminary plan is to open it up here in Santa Fe first, then to the Sister City representatives Bukhara is an agricultural community, and October is a perfect time. Lamb is one of the delicacies that is so affordable in Bukhara. The artist will be coming for Folk Art Festival.

c. Holguin, Cuba – Bernard Rubenstein

Mr. Rubenstein shared from last meeting that he had to cancel his last visit to Holguin, he is honored to say that he has been asked to return to perform with the Symphonica de Holguin next year. The troubling news is that President Trump is scheduled to give a talk in Florida and it is very possible that he may shut down all of Obama's entrances to Cuba, very disturbing and sad. Mr. Rubenstein said he is so optimistic and hopes that they can continue to establish a strong relationship with Cuba despite the political efforts. There are many states, airlines, etc. that want to do cultural trade. This could affect Mr. Rubenstein's trips to Cuba in the future.

Mr. Rubenstein asked the Chair if she would be willing to do a letter to International Sister Cities Association letting them know that we want to continue our Sister Cities relationship with Cuba. The Chair said she would be glad to do this in discussion with her Sister Cities Board communicating the

discussion from today's meeting and the position President Trump is announcing on Friday could hurt our continued sister city relationship with Cuba. Mr. Rubenstein asked that the letter be written in English and Spanish. Mr. Rubenstein said he would write to Lisa and copy the Chair on his letter and request.

- d. Icheon, South Korea – Chair Robertson
Sister Cities had asked for a letter of invitation to be sent to Incheon; today the Chair learned that the letter did not get sent. The City Managers office with the help of Celeste Valentine, Assistant to the City Manager helped to get the letter authorized and it was out and mailed within a few hours, she expedited the signature with Councilor Ives. Thank you to Celeste.

Outcome: They will arrive be visiting, there will be a welcome dinner with Councilor Ives and 5 in their party. They will be staying at Hotel Santa Fe and meetings are set with the Secretary of Cultural Affairs, Veronica Gonzales. Mr. Randall handled the hotels with such short notice and they will be able to use the transportation (purple shuttle buses) from the hotel. There may be some visits to Namingha Gallery, meet with the Mayor and a luncheon and possible another museum in the afternoon and Friday night is the opening night at the Market. Saturday there will be downtown events and there is a hosted lunch that day. Dr. Case will also have a Rotary Exchange Director attend that luncheon. The Chair will send the itinerary to the members for their participation. Mayor is amazing and doing so much in his community. He has everyone in the community pledging to read one book and is working on the senior program. Dr. Case said he has been Mayor three – 3-year terms, he is bringing 2 of his Lieutenants. and interpreters. They have had the Ceramic Festival there for 31 years. Korea is very clean and all the farms remind you of New Mexico.

- e. Livingstone, Zambia – Chair Robertson - Lopez
No report.
- f. Parral, Mexico – Rudy Fernandez
No report. Mr. Fernandez has not been in contact with Mayor, no communication and advised this is a new Mayor.
- g. San Miguel de Allende, Mexico – Clara Andrews-Padilla
The Chair will be in contact with Ms. Andrews-Padilla for an update.
- h. Santa Fe de La Vega, Spain
The Chair reported that she is on the Board for Sister Cities International and said that the new Mayor elect, Ron Nirenberg in San Antonio, Texas is very supportive of Sister Cities. There is a discussion of a Sister Cities Cruise to Europe and the agenda is being set for the stop in Spain. Discussion is for April 15-22, 2018. They will stop two places in Spain and there may be a distance to our Sister City. Mr. Fernandez has a good friend in Santa Fe de la Vega, Spain. The Chair asked Mr. Fernandez to please make his contact with them and to find out if there are any holidays where we could send greetings. The Chair said she would like to continue the school relationship with Santa Fe and Spain.

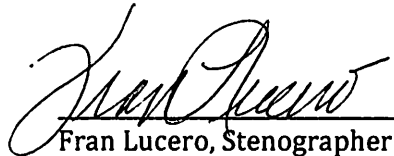
- i. Sorrento, Italy
The Italian Honorary Consulate met with Ms. Garcia y Griego to discuss projects with Sorrento. The Chair knows of John who is spending ½ year in Italy and ½ year here in Santa Fe. He would like to talk to us and the invitation has been extended. This is a relationship Mr. Delgado has established with John and he also has been a past Chair for Sister Cities.
- j. Tsuyama, Japan – Arthur Olivas
Mr. Olivas said that he has sent letter of invitation and he has received one response from the Mayor’s office confirming that they received the letter. They are interested but asked for specific dates and it would be about 2-years from now. Coordination would include possible entertainers and the governmental representatives. Mr. Olivas will travel to Japan this summer.
- k. Zhangjiajie, China – Carol Robertson - Lopez
Ling Tong is back on this committee but she is out of town. There is talk about a wonderful festival, more details to follow. Dr. Case has asked Ms. Tong to contact Ms. Chen regarding educational opportunities and that has been done.

6. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Sister Cities Committee, the Chair moved for adjournment at 4:50 pm.

Signature Page:

Carol Robertson-Lopez, Chair



Fran Lucero, Stenographer