



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Draft SISTER CITY COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

Monday, February 20, 2017

5:30 PM Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Room 118A (City County
Building)
Madison WI 53703

Room 118A

Present: 8 - Carolyn A. Gantner; Daina P. Zemliauskas-Juozevicius; Charles J. James; Jon F. Heinrich; Samba Baldeh; Enrique R. Gandara; Diane L. Farsetta and Musa Jallow

Absent: 3 - Frank L. Alfano; Josephine H. Oyama-Miller and Salvador A. Carranza

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: (7) Charles J. James; Daina P. Zemliauskas-Juozevicius; Jon F. Heinrich; Carolyn A. Gantner; Diane L. Farsetta; Musa Jallow; and Samba Baldeh.

Absent: (3) Salvador A. Carranza; Frank L. Alfano and Josephine H. Oyama-Miller.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of January 23, 2017 approved unanimously on a motion by James, seconded by Zemliauskas-Juozevicius.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REGULAR BUSINESS REPORTS

46179 Sister City Program Reports

Freiburg - Their annual meeting will be on February 22, 2017 starting at 5:30 PM at the University Club, with the MATC Big Band as guests.

Vilnius - Madison-Vilnius Sister City (MVSC) has its display on view through the month of February in City-County Building display case. "Zaibas Lithuanian Folk Dancers of Madison" will perform at the International Fest this Saturday on the Capitol Stage at 2:00 PM. A celebration of Lithuania's independence will be held at the University Club on March 9th. Also, from March 6 thru 10, the University Club will be serving traditional Lithuanian fare for lunch during their annual Lithuanian Days. The MVSC annual banquet will be at the Madison Club on May 6th.

Arcatao - Planning for Arcatao visitors in May if visa issues are resolved. Carolyn said this visit would occur before or after the U.S.-El Salvador Sister Cities Network national conference in Philadelphia.

Carolyn proposed that the SCCC issue their own statement in opposition to the proposed immigration ban and will discuss this with the Mayor's office to see if that is something the committee may pursue.

Ainaro - "Taste of Timor" is set for Saturday May 20th from 4:30 to 6:30 PM at the Goodman Community Center. This fundraiser event is also a celebration of Timor-Leste independence. Diane also made contact with a local woman whose daughter may be going to Timor-Leste with the Peace Corp.

Kanifing - Musa said they are planning an organization luncheon for May 8th. The Gambia celebrated their independence day last Saturday, the 52nd.

Camagüey - A shipping container to Camaguey is scheduled to be loaded on March 24th.

46180 International Festival - February 25, 2017

Carolyn provided the handouts to all present that will be made available at each of our tables at the International Fest. The handouts contain information on most of Madison's nine sister cities. Copies for those not present this evening will be brought to the event.

NEW BUSINESS

46177 Event Work Group Report

Jon summarized the initial proposal developed at the first meeting held on February 15th. That proposal is for the SCCC to hold an annual event that would raise awareness in the community of the activities and value of the nine Madison Sister city organizations. The event would also be a fundraiser to support our activities. The work group envisioned a 2 to 3 hour event, Celebrate Madison Sister Cities, which would include a formal dinner with noted/inspirational keynote speaker. Possible speakers mentioned included noted authors, a UW alumni and representatives of an organization like the UN or Doctors without Borders. The event would open with an informal gathering with refreshments available where registration and networking would occur and where individual sister city information would be available and conclude with some musical entertainment.

It was suggested that March/April might be a good time of year and it was requested that the work group evaluate calendars for other city and county events to avoid conflicts. Jon recommended that an opportunity for additional comment on the initial proposal be provided to all SCCC members before the next work group meeting in March.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Samba suggested that the display case may be best utilized if there was one permanent display representing all Madison sister cities. This will be an agenda item at the next SCCC monthly meeting.

Carolyn will talk to Jasmine about a suggestion that table name tags be provided for SCCC members.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn approved unanimously on a motion by James, seconded by Zemliauskas-Juozevicius.