



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft SISTER CITY COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

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Monday, April 1, 2019

5:30 PM

Madison College  
1701 Wright Street, Room D1630  
Madison, WI 53704

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Frank L. Alfano; Josephine H. Oyama-Miller; Carolyn A. Gantner; Charles J. James; Jon F. Heinrich; Salvador A. Carranza and Rahel Desalegne

**Excused:** 4 - Daina P. Zemliauskas-Juozevicius; Samba Baldeh; Jonathan S. Solari and Musa Jallow

Meeting called to order by Chair, Charles James, at 5:30pm.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Oyama-Miller, seconded by Alfano, to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2019 Sister City Collaboration Committee meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals from the members present.

### REGULAR BUSINESS REPORT

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### Sister City Program Reports - April 2019

**Tepatitlan** - The Mayor of Tepatitlan is sending a delegation to attend the April Celebrate event. The new mural project set for the main library that Madison artists would paint has been postponed due to planned construction and a new sight will be found. Carranza stated that the director of the community health project is unfortunately leaving his post but the good news is that he has been named second in command of the University of Guadalajara in Tepatitlan.

**Mantova** - A delegation from Mantova will visit in April and attend the 2019 Celebrate event. Alfano said they do have interest in participating in the Education USA Academy we learned about at the March SCCC meeting but not likely this year.

**Obihiro** - Four health care professionals visited in March to further explore senior care facilities in Madison and discuss an exchange program with Madison College. Visits were paid to Attic Angels and Tennyson Independent Living. A student group from Obihiro will visit in September and a group of students from Madison will visit later in the year.

**Arcato** - A delegation from Arcatao is expected the first week in July which is the other part of the exchange with Edgewood College.

Gantner was not able to attend the March 2019 meeting but asked that her report be included in the April 2019 minutes.

The USESSC (US El Salvador Sister Cities Committee) is organizing a delegation this summer with a special focus on migration. The dates are July 7-15 and cost would be \$1200-1500 (includes air fare). Participants from all El Salvador sister cities are invited to join and Arcatao may likely be one of the communities on the itinerary. MASCP (Madison-Arcato Sister City Project) plans to be represented on the delegation.

The Edgewood College El Salvador class/delegation (January 9 - 20) was very successful. There were twelve participants: two teachers and ten students. They spent time in Arcatao, Suchitoto, Cinquera and in San Salvador. The delegation was hosted by the USESSC staff that showed the different aspects of solidarity and sistering work in El Salvador. They toured historic sites in the capital and connected with several NGOs doing work in environmental protection, local community organizing, health care delivery, women's rights, and advocacy for the LGBTQ population. Several nursing students were on this visit, so there was a little more focus on health care initiatives. Some of the Edgewood students were at our recent monthly MASCP core group meeting and shared their experiences in El Salvador.

The International Fair outreach with visitors was very positive and as was the sale of handicrafts made in Arcatao and a very enjoyable event to be a part of.

MASCP is in collaboration with a UW Mental Health project which is working with mental health professionals in El Salvador working on PTSD. A delegation from Madison visited El Salvador in January and the project will more fully develop during the coming year.

Freiburg - A visit to Freiburg by West/Memorial High School students will occur in June and a delegation of Freiburg high school students will visit Madison in September.

Bahir Dar - Desalegne said that their organization has commenced obtaining 501(c)3 status and is interested in receiving by-laws from other sister city organizations (desalegne@wisc.edu) to assist in document preparation. She briefly described the January delegation visit, meeting and ceremony with Mayor Soglin. A visit to Bahir Dar is likely next year.

#### ITEMS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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Sister City Display Case

The tentative schedule developed at the March 2019 SCCC meeting has been found acceptable and is repeated below.

March - All  
April - All  
May - Obihiro  
June - Arcatao  
July - Freiburg  
August - Vilnius  
September - Tepetitlan  
October - Mantova  
November - Bahir-Dar  
December - All  
January - Camaguey  
February - Kanifing

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Park Street Banners

Alfano presented the progress he has made in finding replacements for the Park St. banners. He has been in contact with Budget Signs which can prepare 2' x 3' metal replacements at a reasonable cost.

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2019 SCCC Celebrate Madison's Sister Cities

The status of preparations was reviewed including sponsors, banquet and cash bar, speakers, entertainment, the program, outreach and room arrangements for the event. It was helpful to view the room where the event will be held.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Carranza, seconded by Desalegne, to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 6:47pm.