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Meeting Minutes - Draft SISTER CITY COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

Monday, November 28, 2011

5:45 PM

Room LL120 - Madison Municipal Building
215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 6 -

Frank L. Alfano; Josephine H. Oyama-Miller; Carolyn A. Gantner; Daina P. Zemliauskas-Juozevicius; John W. Jacoby and Ald. Bridget R. Maniaci

Excused: 3 -

Amy R. Zastrow; Victor E. Villacrez and Benjamin R. Manski

Others present: Antonio Molina Rivas (Latino Chamber of Commerce), Julia Arata Fratta (Board Chair-Centro Hispano), Kenneth Craig (Exec Dir-Centro Hispano), AlderSh ia Bidar-Sielaff, Sally Miley, Mayor's Office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Oyama-Miller motioned to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded by Maniaci. The minutes were unanimously approved with no corrections.

PUBLIC COMMENT

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

NEW BUSINESS

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Tepetitlan Presentation by Latino Chamber of Commerce

Frank introduced City Alder, Shiva Bidar-Sielaff who spoke about her visit to Tepetitlan to visit with the Mayor, Cecilia Gonzales-Gomez and city council members regarding establishing a sister city relationship with. She shared memorabilia and information about their city.

Frank then introduced Antonio Rivas, Julia Arata Fratta and Kenneth Craig regarding their desire to create a Sister City relationship with Tepetitlan, Mexico. Rivas explained how this city has been connected to Madison through several outlets such as the Dept. of Agriculture, World Dairy Expo. Tepetitlan's mayor, Cecilia Gonzales-Gomez met with Mayor Soglin during her visit to the World's Dairy Expo in October. The Latino Chamber of Commerce and Centro Hispano are very supportive and they sent in their application as requested by Frank. Discussion regarding their application was very lively. The group was asked to submit more detail of their budget, organizational members, officers and year activity plan by the December meeting.

At this time, SCCC will evaluate and review and will act accordingly.

Daina expressed concern that discussion regarding the process for selection of future Sister Cities should not have been done in front of Tepatitlan's committee members. More discussion regarding process and more explanation of what is needed from application. Several members said that they did not see Frank's most recent draft of the application. More discussion and review of application will be done at December's meeting.

It was decided that the representatives from Tepatitlan's committee will bring additional documentation to the December 19's meeting. Meeting will start at 4:30 pm.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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International Day

Alfano mentioned that International Festival will be held March, 3, 2012. He said that he asked Kara Beach to mail each organization an application which are due, December 3rd. He also said that he asked her to locate everyone in the same area- 2nd floor so that we can present a uniform look to the Sister City program.

Discussion regarding who pays for the registration fees which are from 30-150. Maniaci moved and Oyama-Miller seconded that funds from the 2012 budget be used, not to exceed \$1000 for the International Festival. Frank will contact Kara and let her know that at least seven sister cities plan to demonstrate and/or sell items from their booths. It is up to each sister city to send in their applications to Kara.

Ganter said that their organizational already sent in and paid their fees independently. Refund of their fees will be adjusted later.

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2012 Budget Update

All sister cities present said they received funds from the 2011 budget from the City as approved in the October meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.