



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Draft SISTER CITY COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

Monday, October 17, 2011

5:45 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 -

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

Excused: 1 -

Victor E. Villacrez

Others present: Charles James, Tom Foley and Lisa Olmsted

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jacoby moved to approve the September 19th minutes which was seconded by Zemliauskas-Juozevicius. The minutes were approved unanimously subject to one correction.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS - None

NEW BUSINESS

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Meeting with Tapatitlan Mexico

Alfano reported Mayor Soglin had asked him to contact the Mayor of Tepititlan, Cecilia Gonzalez-Gomez regarding a Sister City membership.

On October 6th, Deputy Mayor Maria Eugenia Villasenor came to meet Mayor Soglin with Antonio J. Molina Rivas from MATC, Julia Arata Fratta, President of the Madison Latino Chamber of Commerce, Jen Pino-Gallagher and Enrique Gandara from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture. Maria explained the reasons they believed the Sister City program would benefit both cities. The Latino Chamber is advocating for the program because that program could potentially benefit their members. They also believe the partnership between the local chamber and Tepatitlan could provide a long term relationship to the possible Sister City Program. Mayor Soglin explained that his office would have a response by December 2nd, when he will be they keynote speaker at their 4th Annual Gala Dinner. Antonio and Julia are considering traveling to Tepatitlan soon.

There was discussion about having an application for Sister City membership drafted. Alfano agreed to work on a draft of the application and he will send it to the committee for review.

Manski moved to invite the Latino Chamber of Commerce to the next SCCC meeting, the motion was seconded by Jacoby and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

23860

Sister City International Membership

There was discussion about whether to renew the membership with Sister Cities International. Maniaci made a motion to end the membership which was seconded by Zastrow. The motion passed by a margin of 5-2.

21950

Financial Update on 2010-11 Funds

There is a balance of \$8,750.00 left in the Sister City budget. The committee agreed to set \$100 aside for the purchase of a new DVD player for the display case in the City County Building. The committee also agreed to reserve \$950.00 for gifts that have been purchased or will be purchased for delegations who may be visiting during the balance of 2011. Maniaci mentioned that there is money for marketing materials coming out of the Economic Development budget. The remaining balance of \$7700.00 in the fund to be distributed to the Sister Cities this year. Maniaci motioned to pass the budget and Oyama-Miller seconded the motion which was passed by a margin of 6-1.

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2011 Sister Cities Base Funding Requests and Annual Reports

There was discussion regarding the Status of Authorized Sister Cities. The applications for base funding were sent to the membership. There were no applications received from Viet Nam, Cusco or Managua. Applications were received from Mantova, Obihiro, Vilnius, Arcatao, Ainaro, and Freiburg. Camaguey did not submit an application but Maniaci moved to give them an extension till midnight to submit one. The motion was seconded by Zastrow and was passed unanimously. Maniaci moved to deny funding to any cities that did not submit an application which was seconded by Jacoby and it passed unanimously.

Maniaci moved seven different times to grant \$1100.00 to each city that submitted an application which was seconded by various committee members. Each motion passed with an abstention from the committee member who represented that particular city. Olmsted will ask the Finance Dept. to mail the checks to the addresses on the applications.

There was also discussion about restarting a Sister City relationship with Oslo, Norway. Oslo withdrew from the program several years ago because they felt Madisoni was not active enough at the time. This topic will be added to a future agenda.

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Resolution for Updated Sister City Criteria and Committee Membership

The resolution for membership criteria from 1998 needs to be updated. Maniaci agreed to update the criteria for submission to the committee for their approval. Jacoby said he will need to resign from the committee soon and would like to appoint a replacement. Maniaci explained that he would need to submit a letter of resignation to the Mayor's office and he could recommend a replacement for his seat to the Mayor's Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alfano commented that China would like to start a relationship with Madison and he sent them the information to get the process started.

The International Festival may not be held next year.

The committee agreed to schedule the next SCCC meeting on Monday, November 28, 2011 at 5:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Jacoby motioned to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Gantner. The motion passed unanimously and was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.