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Meeting Minutes - Approved SISTER CITY COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Monday, April 1, 2024

5:30 PM

Virtual

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Chair, Daina P. Zemliauskas-Juozevicius, at 5:34 PM.

- Present:** 8 - Frank L. Alfano; Josephine H. Oyama-Miller; Carolyn A. Gantner; Daina P. Zemliauskas-Juozevicius; Jon F. Heinrich; Salvador A. Carranza; Charles Myadze and Jennifer C. Johnson
- Excused:** 4 - Charles J. James; Richard A. Heinemann; Rahel Desalegne and Lamin Drammeh

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Myadze, seconded by Gantner, to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2024 Sister City Collaboration Committee meetings. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [70299](#) Public Comment

There was no public comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

No disclosures or recusals.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

REGULAR BUSINESS REPORTS

2. [82637](#) Sister City Program Reports - April 2024

Obihiro, Japan (Josephine H. Oyama-Miller) - Although the planned visit occurred during Monona school's spring break at the end of March, Oyama-Miller indicated that the two visiting Obihiro high school students were able to participate in several events, as well as explore their interest in attending UW-Madison as visiting students for a semester.

Arcatao, El Salvador (Carolyn Gantner) - Gantner indicated that they are continuing their preparation for a June visit to Arcatao involving another USA - El Salvador sister city organization.

Cusco, Peru (Jennifer Johnson) - Johnson thanked those that participated in events associated with the March visit of the Mayor of Cusco to Madison. She reminded the SCCC that Mundo Esperanza will host the 2024 Earth Day event on April 20 at the Aldo Leopold Nature Center in Monona again this year.

Vilnius, Lithuania (Daina P. Zemliauskas-Juozevicius) - The Madison-Vilnius annual banquet will also occur on April 20 at the Madison Club. Also, Zemliauskas-Juozevicius said that the March visit of the Lithuanian Minister of Foreign Affairs was cancelled.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. [82315](#) Photo Exhibit and Reception

Gantner reviewed information previously provided and gave some additional details concerning the photo exhibit at the Overture.

Monday April 15th is the final date for the submittal of up to eight photos electronically to be reviewed by Gantner and Zemliauskas-Juozevicius. They will provide their thoughts on the selections. There is 4 feet of width to exhibit framed photos for each organization. Depending on frame sizing, it is likely that four photographs for each group can be accommodated. To assist the Overture in hanging, they have requested that d-rings be attached in a vertical manner to each frame.

Gantner also requested that brief narratives (up to 200 words) about each sister city be provided along with the electronic photos for review. The Overture will print, frame, and hang these narratives with the framed photos. Comment will be provided on these narratives as well.

4. [82636](#) Meeting Format

A motion was made by Myadze, seconded by Oyama-Miller, to have in-person meetings in July and August this year. The motion passed by voice vote.

There was discussion about potential meeting locations with the understanding, provided by D'Costa, that the meeting place must be public. Several potential locations were mentioned. It was agreed to continue this discussion at the next SCCC meeting.

5. [82660](#) SCCC Quilt Whereabouts

The location of the quilt is still unknown after searches conducted by several committee members. D'Costa will look again at City offices.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Carranza, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn. The

motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM.