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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, June 3, 2024

5:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Chair, Daina P. Zemliauskas-Juozevicius, at 5:37 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Gantner, seconded by Oyama-Miller, to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2024 Sister City Collaboration Committee meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

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: 3 - Charles J. James; Rahel Desalegne and Lamin Drammeh

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. [83722](#) Sister City Program Reports - June 2024

Obihiro, Japan (Josephine H. Oyama-Miller) - Oyama-Miller indicated that the Madison-Obihiro group are researching insurance coverage for their organization addressing concerns raised by Obihiro. The concerns involve the care and safety of visitors from Japan that come to the US and are hosted by their organization. She will share the outcome of their investigation with the committee.

Mantova, Italy (Frank L. Alfano) - Fiesta Italia at McKee Farms Park this last weekend attendance was affected by the rainy weather.

Tepatitlán, Mexico (Salvador Carranza) - The recent election on June 2nd in Mexico resulted in their first woman president. The results of the Tepatitlán mayoral election were not yet available. Carranza said if the current mayor is replaced, the Madison-Tepatitlán group will need to establish connections with a new administration.

Arcatao, El Salvador (Carolyn Gantner) - Gantner said that the Madison-Arcatao group have a scheduled trip leaving next week to visit Arcatao. They will meet with another USA group that has a sister city relationship in El Salvador. The combined group will visit both cities.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

Gantner has prepared a final steps document that includes key dates and other information about the upcoming photo exhibit and reception at the Overture that will be emailed to the SCCC. The outer dimensions of all photographs should be provided to her by Friday, June 7th to assist the Overture Center in planning the display.

Installation will occur on June 20th. Gantner would like to have all photographs by June 17th. Brochures for the Overture exhibit have been prepared and Gantner will bring copies for everyone to International Fest on June 29th. The Madison sister city quilt has been found and will be included in the exhibit.

The reception for the exhibit will be at the Overture Center from 2-4 PM on July 28th. An invitation will be developed and provided to the SCCC to distribute. The Overture will provide refreshments.

There committee discussed what will happen during the reception. Several recommendations were offered and discussed including presentations and perhaps entertainment. The committee decided to put together a small group to establish a program for the reception, and Heinrich and Oyama-Miller volunteered to develop a proposal.

It was also recognized that inviting the alders to the reception is important. Oyama-Miller emphasized the importance of engaging them in our activities, particularly because many alders are new to the council. It was recommended that Gantner present at the 7/2 Common Council meeting to provide information about the SCCC and offer an invitation to the reception. Staff person D'Costa will see if this can be arranged.

4. [83721](#) Location for In-Person Meetings in July and August

The location of the upcoming in-person meetings was discussed. For the July SCCC meeting, Carranza will investigate whether a room can be reserved at the new Centro Hispano building. Alder Myadze will investigate whether a room can be reserved at the Black Business Hub. Staff person D'Costa has

reserved a room in the Madison Municipal Building as back-up. The August meeting location will be determined at the July meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Alfano, to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM.