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Meeting Minutes - Draft 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, May 9, 2022

5:30 PM

Via Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

- Present:** 7 - Frank L. Alfano; Carolyn A. Gantner; Daina P. Zemliauskas-Juozevicius; Charles J. James; Salvador A. Carranza; Rahel Desalegne and Lamin Drammeh
- Excused:** 3 - Josephine H. Oyama-Miller; Jon F. Heinrich and Nasra Wehelie

Meeting called to order by Chair, Charles James, at 5:32 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Carranza, seconded by Alfano, to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2022 Sister City Collaboration Committee meeting. 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

A letter of support for Ukraine from the committee, drafted by Charles James, was confirmed as approved by the committee.

ITEMS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- 3 [71225](#) Farmers' Market Scheduling

Gantner has secured a permit for members of the SCCC to distribute their sister cities' literature at the Dane County Farmers' Market on the Capitol Square, near the Colonel Heg statue, by the corner of East Main and Pinckney Streets. The space will be available for 20 consecutive Saturdays, starting on June 4. Since there are ten members, each organization will be asked to commit to

two Saturdays, preferably to have representatives present for the time frame of 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Gantner has emailed the permit and sign-up sheet to committee members. Participants must bring their own table/chairs. Committee members should email Gantner directly to set up schedule. James and Gantner will also work on producing a generic sister cities brochure/handout.

REGULAR BUSINESS REPORTS

2 [71202](#) Sister City Program Reports - May 2022

Mantova - Alfano reported that on May 16, at 9 am, a zoom meeting is to take place between the mayors of Madison and Mantova. This will be their first meeting. Mantova's Mayor's secretary will translate.

Vilnius - Zemliauskas-Juozevicius reported that Madison-Vilnius will hold their annual banquet at the Madison Club, 6pm, on Saturday, May 21. It will be their first in-person meeting in two years. All SCCC members are invited and will be sent an email invitation.

Kanifing - Drammeh reported that Madison-Kanifing will have a meeting on May 15 to plan upcoming events.

Bahir Dar - Desalegne reported that Madison-Bahir Dar are planning to meet this month to identify projects with Bahir Dar University, as the city administration is still dealing with unrest.

Arcatao - Gantner reported (via email) that she attended the Cusco Sister City event to welcome the committee's newest member. At the International Fest, a teacher stopped by the Madison-Arcatao display and expressed interest in exploring a partnership between Madison and Arcatao schools, perhaps by the way of a pen pal exchange. Teachers and schools have yet to be identified. Plans are being developed to welcome Molly Todd, author of a book on the history of US and El Salvador sister cities this fall. They will include author interviews on radio and in print, presentations at the UW-Madison and high schools, and various other events.

Freiburg - James reported that four pieces of art were sent to Freiburg for their exhibit of art from their sister cities (Freiburg has 12). A four page brochure with photos is being created. Freiburg is a sister city with Lviv, Ukraine. Madison-Freiburg Sister Cities collected \$2300 which was sent to Freiburg to pass on to help Ukrainians in Lviv.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Gantner, seconded by Alfano, to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.