



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes SISTER CITY COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

Monday, September 22, 2014

5:30 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room LL-110 (Madison Municipal Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 5:30 pm.

Present: 6 - Frank L. Alfano; Josephine H. Oyama-Miller; Carolyn A. Gantner; Daina P. Zemliauskas-Juozevicius; Charles J. James and Salvador A. Carranza

Absent: 3 - Jon F. Heinrich; Lauren Cnare and Enrique R. Gandara

Others Present: Karin Wolf (Madison Arts Administrator), Sunni Porps-Hummell, Badger Herald reporter, Karent Milstein (Madison-Obihiro Sister Cities, Inc.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alfano made a motion to approve the June 23, 2014 minutes. James seconded the motion. Motion passed by a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

REGULAR BUSINESS REPORTS

27505

Sister City Programs Reports

All Sister Cities presented progress reports Reports were a bit more extensive because the reporter from the Badger Herald wanted to know what type of activities each Sister City promoted.

Zemliauskas-Juozevicius asked how many people received the invitation to attend the opening of Wisconsin as a honorary consulate for Lithuania. She requested that committee members please respond ASAP to attend the reception and program to be held in the Senate Chambers & Parlor on October 13th at 1 pm. Gov. Walker will welcome the ambassador and other foreign dignitaries

[35579](#) Status of Appointments to the SCCC

Diane Farsetta is officially appointed and accepted as a member to the SCCC. She only has to sign the letter of recommendation at the City Hall and it will be official.

[35580](#) Financial Update

Chair, Oyama-Miller reported that all Sister Cities programs have been issued checks for their \$1000 and the remaining budget as of June 30, 2014 is \$8895. All bills have been paid out including the caterer for the muralist reception and an outstanding invoice from the Overture Center for International Festival 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

[35575](#) 2015 International Festival

Chair Oyama-Miller spoke and sent an email to Karra Beach regarding process for registration for the 2015 International Festival. Karra has sent out individual applications for each sister city. We will probably be situated in the same spot as last year- 2nd floor. Karra will send an invoice to the City so that we can process the check prior to year's end.

[35576](#) Mantova Request for 2015 Mantova Festival and Friends Participation

This business was moved on the agenda to the first item of business because Wolf had to leave for another meeting. Wolf indicated how the request for participation was received by the City and how events have developed. Alfano requested that in the future, any request from Mantova be directed to him and/or Mantova Sister City committee to review and discuss. Alfano and Wolf will continue to work on the details as to whom and how a representative will be chosen and sent.

[35577](#) Tapa Muralist Debriefing

Carranza included this debriefing in his progress report- no further discussion at this time. Everything went beautifully and both cities are satisfied with the mural and the relationship that has been strengthened by this project.

DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

[35578](#) Madison-Obihiro Sister Cities, Inc.

Madison-Obihiro will use their \$500 discretionary funds to develop a calendar for next year. Proceeds will support scholarship for students going to Japan on the student exchanges.

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Madison Vilnius Request for Funds

Madison-Vilnius will use their \$500 discretionary funds to support an art project.

Neither Obihiro or Vilnius could find the current discretionary fund request to complete on line. Alfano moved and James seconded that both sister cities programs be approved for the funds and he will mail the form to complete so that they can send it to the City before disbursement of funds are made. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

James moved to adjourn at 6:47 pm. Carraza seconded the motion. Motion passed by a voice vote.