



# City of Madison

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## Agenda - Approved SISTER CITY COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

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Monday, May 22, 2017

5:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Room 108 (City  
County Building)

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Please contact Jasmine Brey in the Mayor's Office (608) 266-4611.

### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 27, 2017: <http://madison.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

### PUBLIC COMMENT

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Members of the body should make any required disclosures or recusals under the City's Ethics Code.

## REGULAR BUSINESS REPORTS

### 47373

Sister City Program Reports (please limit to around 200 written words and oral report about 4 minutes).

The Board of Directors of the Committee met on May 9, 2017, at the home of John and Barbara DeMain.

One of our Board members, Chris Tabisz, successfully defended his Ph.D. thesis at UW-Madison. He will be leaving Madison in June to teach German at the Twin Cities German Immersion School (TCGIS) in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Chris Tabisz also reported on the International Fest scheduled to (have) take(n) place on Sunday, May 21, at the Goodman Center.

The main topic was preparations for the trip to Freiburg from June 23 to 25 to celebrate 30 years of sistercityhood! Eric Lewandowski, Charles James, Barbara DeMain, Dick Kotenbeutel and Carolyn Hackler will be part of the delegation from Madison attending the celebration. We will be bringing along a pullup display banner we are producing showing scenes of Madison. It will be a gift to our counterpart organization in Freiburg.

We are cosponsors of the visit of the Madison College Big Band to Dane County's sister county (Kassel) and to our sister city Freiburg from June 19 to 25.

We will be setting up an information table on the Square during Saturday Farmers Markets in June, July and August. The first Farmers Market for us is Saturday, June 3. We have the extra copies from the International Festival in February which we will hand out next to Colonel Heg!

Jo is still in Japan but will return on May 25th. Upcoming events for Obihiro- student exchange tour will be sometime in early September. Delegations for mental health and senior health care will be sometime in October.

A researcher from University of Tokyo will be coming to study family supports for both mental health and senior care. This project is a result of the researcher hearing about the work that has been happening between Madison and Obihiro. She wants to explore how community health systems in Madison can be replicated for family supports throughout Japan.

Also, another example of how the Obihiro mental health community has affected care in Japan was: a study group of 5 came from Saga City in Kyushu in mid March for a week.

Regarding the cookbook- I will be sending all delegations the format that we all need to use to make the cookbook more uniform. The program that I felt conformed the best to the parameters set by Diane awhile back, is the one that I think we should use.

I will be in contact with everyone regarding their recipes and background material. Now that my work in Japan is complete for a while, I will concentrate on the cookbook for completion this year. Thank you for everyone's patience. I also need to know if the recipes have been tested so that ingredients and measurements are correct.

Good news regarding Arcatao and the rest of El Salvador is that, through many efforts by Salvadoran activists and their international partners in US (including MASCP) and elsewhere, that metallic mining has been banned from El Salvador.

Public referendums were held in Arcatao and other parts of the country to stop mining. Our sister city, and members of MASCP, have been involved in this important environmental movement for over 10 years. On our FB page a number of news articles provide more information about this environmental victory for El Salvador.

Our colleagues in El Salvador, Victor and Zulma, will be in Madison the first week of October. Events are being planned in collaboration with organizations including the UW - Madison Latin American Studies Dept and Edgewood College. After being in Madison our visitors will be visiting other Salvadoran sister cities in the midwest.

The statement on immigration is being edited and will be used by MASCP to reflect our sister city position on this issue.

[47375](#) Statement on Immigration Draft Update

[47376](#) Cook Book Report

[47377](#) Display Case updated schedule for remainder of 2017

[47378](#) Celebrate Madison Sister Cities Event

## **NEW BUSINESS**

[47379](#) Meeting time/quorum/importance of communications regarding attendance.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**