



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes SISTER CITY COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

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Monday, July 27, 2015

5:30 PM

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

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 9 - Frank L. Alfano; Josephine H. Oyama-Miller; Carolyn A. Gantner; Daina P. Zemliauskas-Juozevicius; Jon F. Heinrich; Salvador A. Carranza; Samba Baldeh; Enrique R. Gandara and Diane L. Farsetta

**Absent:** 1 - Charles J. James

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Farsetta made a motion to approve the minutes of June 22nd with corrections.  
Carranza seconded the motion. Motion passed by a voice vote.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

### REGULAR BUSINESS REPORTS

#### [39410](#)

Sister City Program Reports July 2015

**Camaguey:** Heinrich reported that there is little new to report. There will be 3 trips to Cuba during October & November. Also that the Cuban ambassador's trip to Madison will be delayed to a later date with more details to come since the "opening" of Cuba.

**Ainaro:** Farsetta also reported that there is little new to report. Members of their organization will provide more details on the visit to the clinic in East Timor.

**Tepatitlan:** Carranza updated the group on Tepatitlan's visit to the World Dairy Expo. There will be about 25 visiting Madison in early October. They will be meeting with the Center for Dairy Research as well as with Mayor Soglin. Gandara is assisting with this visit as well.

**Arcatao:** Gantner said that the Madison Arcatao Sister City Project (MASCP) will be celebrating it's 30th Anniversary in April of 2016. During the celebration, which will be held in Madison, some of the guests from Arcatao may include

scholarship recipients, along with community leaders.

MASCP is also strengthening ties with a Madison/Arcatao sister parish community.

Obihiro: Oyama-Miller briefly spoke that fall student exchange will be only 3 students. They will be in Madison from September 13-18 and will be attending WEST HS. Student chaperones will be coming to Madison in early August and will meet with several Obihiro board members.

Mantova: Alfano reported that their sister city has a new mayor and that they expect a group to arrive in Madison sometime in September. They also hope to have the Italian program at WEST HS by January.

Vilnius: Zemliauskas-Juozevicius also said that Vilnius has a new mayor as well. They recently held their summer picnic and had a good turnout. The vice president of their local group plans to visit Vilnius in September.

#### 39411

Fundraiser Cookbook Update July 2015

Farsetta reported that Vilnius, Arcatao, and Camaguey still need to submit their materials for review as soon as possible. She also asked that each sister city let her know of their organizations willingness to commit their \$500 ASAP. Obihiro, Freiburg, have let her know of their commitment to date.

Alfano asked for more details regarding sponsors (?) or advertising information. Farsetta explained the concept to the committee and said that she will send out an email to all the Sister Cities explaining in more detail what the workgroup envisions for the ads.

Alfano and Oyama-Miller wanted to be sure that ads were only from certain businesses and not from all sister city programs. SCCC wanted more clarifications before any decisions on accepting ads were made.

Farsetta hopes for a potential publication date of Christmas 2016. She hoped that all materials would be submitted by all sister cities no later than September 1, 2015.

#### 39412

Financial Update July 2015

After reviewing the budget and remaining funds in the budget, Alfano moved and Gandara seconded that \$2000 be allocated to the Cookbook workgroup for expenses related to the upcoming cookbook project. By so doing, ads would not be needed

After some discussion, motion passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Carranza moved adjournment at 6:20 pm and Gantner seconded.