



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes SISTER CITY COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

Monday, May 23, 2016

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 5:43pm.

Present: 7 - Frank L. Alfano; Josephine H. Oyama-Miller; Jon F. Heinrich; Salvador A. Carranza; Samba Baldeh; Enrique R. Gandara and Diane L. Farsetta

Absent: 3 - Carolyn A. Gantner; Daina P. Zemliauskas-Juozevicius and Charles J. James

Others Present: Jerreh Kujabi and Marie Koroma

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alfano moved to approve minutes of April 4, 2016. Carranza seconded. Motion passed by a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

REGULAR BUSINESS REPORTS

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Sister City Program Reports May 2016

Mantova: Alfano reported that the Italian Workman's Club will be hosting Festa Italia on June 3-5 at McKee Farms in Fitchburg. Alfano reported that Festa Italia is totally different from the Sister City program. He said that they will display some of the children's artwork exchanged with Mantova at the festival but otherwise nothing to report on sister city activities this month. All information on the Italian Workman's club website.

East Timor: Tour De Timor- bicycle fundraiser on Sunday, May 25 raised almost \$4000. Monies will go toward assisting clinic in East Timor, especially to assist a nursing assistant to get into the Global Health Institute at the UW. Farsetta helped worked on a grant so that they can support this person in the program once she is here. Program will focus on women and children's health as well as domestic abuse (which is a big problem there) . Monies will help

pay for her transportation and other expenses. East Timor has the current display case in the City/County building.

Camaguey: A trip is scheduled for October and Heinrich shared the itinerary with the committee. He also reported that Camaguey just shipped a container full of medical supplies on Friday to Cameroon, Africa in May.

Tepatitlan: Three weeks ago several members of the Madison group went to Tepatitlan to work on the art project that has been on-going with one of the elementary schools. Sharon Kilfoy went several years ago and did a mural for them there and the sister city continues to support the art project through a donation from the Alvarado Group (local real estate company in Madison who is on the Madison-Tepatitlan SC committee). They donated and brought computers to aid in this art project.

Obihiro: O-Miller reported that Obihiro City hosted Mayor Soglin and his wife for the 10th Anniversary celebration in Obihiro from May 10-13th. Had three hectic but successful meetings and days in which Mayor Soglin saw a lot of what has been happening between the two cities. Mayor Soglin was so impressed with the relationship between Obihiro and Madison and also mentioned his travels to Freiburg and Mantova and he plans to put forth an increased budget expenditure in the upcoming budget and asked that O-Miller represent the Sister City Collaboration Committee as well as share the relationship with Obihiro. She also mentioned how the Mayor saw that every sister city has and can have an economic factor as well as a cultural and academic impact. The Mayor also felt that sister cities can be the catalyst for global understanding and interactions. O-Miller also reported that Obihiro will be coming August 28-31st to celebrate in Madison. She also mentioned that Obihiro wants to do an art exchange during this time. 4-5 artists will be coming to display their work. She is trying to find venue space for them. Obihiro will also be sending a student exchange in September and Madison will be sending 4-5 students to Obihiro in mid July for 10 ten days.

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Budget Disbursements May 2016

O-Miller will ask Monica to make disbursements to the current 8 sister city organizations as soon as possible. Madison-Kanifing will receive their funds separately.

NEW BUSINESS

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Adoption of Madison-Kanifing Sister City Application May 2016

A representative of Madison-Kanifing, Jerreh Kujabi, thanked everyone for giving application due process and for voting for recommendation. They thanked Samba Baldeh and Jo Oyama-Miller for assisting the committee to complete the application and to acquaint the SCCC with their community. They are very grateful for the help and assistance to make this relationship a reality and they look forward to acquainting their community to the people of Madison. They look forward to helping them get exposure and to collaborations in the future.

Oyama-Miller asked Baldeh if the City assisted with a news release regarding the approval of this sister city relationship. Baldeh responded that the City Council staff sent a news release to all the media outlets after the vote of approval was taken. He also said that the signing also received television coverage as well.

Oyama-Miller also stated that as soon as the organization either informs Baldeh or her as to who their representative on the SCCC will be, they will forward and submit that name to the Mayor's office as soon as possible. Oyama-Miller also welcomed the guests and congratulated them on becoming the first Africa nation to become a sister city in Madison.

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Board of Estimates Discussion May 2016

O-Miller reported that the Mayor plans to increase funding for the program and that he will be presenting it to the Board of Estimates in his upcoming budget. Soglin asked that O-Miller be present at the next BOE meeting which will be in June.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at made by Heinrich/seconded by Farsetta at 6:45 pm.
Motion passed by voice vote.