



# City of Madison

City of Madison  
Madison, WI 53703  
[www.cityofmadison.com](http://www.cityofmadison.com)

## Meeting Minutes - Draft SISTER CITY COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

---

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

5:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Rm. 118A (City County Building)

---

Rm.118A

### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Chair, Carolyn Gantner, at 5:51 PM.

**Present:** 7 - Frank L. Alfano; Carolyn A. Gantner; Charles J. James; Jon F. Heinrich;  
Samba Baldeh; Diane L. Farsetta and Musa Jallow

**Absent:** 3 - Josephine H. Oyama-Miller; Daina P. Zemliauskas-Juozevicius and Salvador  
A. Carranza

### OTHERS PRESENT

Guest: Jonathon Solari

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of October 24, 2017 approved unanimously on a motion by Frank,  
seconded by James.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

## REGULAR BUSINESS

[49721](#)

### Sister City Program Reports

**Arcatao - Madison Arcatao Sister City Project (MASCP)** participated in two holiday fairs, at Orchard Ridge in November and the Fair Trade Fest on December 2 at the Monona Terrace. At both events, Carolyn thought there was positive outreach. Items made by the artisan co-ops in Arcatao and other parts of El Salvador were offered for sale at both events.

The MASCP annual planning meeting will be held in January at which time further projects will be defined along with plans for a delegation to Arcatao sometime in May or June of 2018.

**Camaguey - The Wisconsin Medical Project and Madison-Camaguey Sister City Association (MCSCA)** each brought groups to Camaguey in November.

**Freiburg - Our Board** met on November 20th and continued discussions on various projects that I reported on at the last SCCC meeting. However, we had an opening on our Board, which we filled on December 6th at a special meeting where we elected former UW Chancellor John Wiley to fill the position. John also agreed to be the keynote speaker at our Annual Meeting, which we will be holding on February 28, 2018, at the University Club.

**Ainaro, East Timor - We** tabled at the Fair Trade Holiday Festival at Monona Terrace - a very successful event for outreach and somewhat successful for sales of traditional Timorese weavings.

We published a short newsletter update, with pictures and information about school garden workshops we supported through the Permatil Timorese sustainability and environmental organization. The funds we raised allowed Permatil to reach all central elementary schools in the "postu" of Ainaro (analogous to the county level of government). We are also in discussions with Permatil about what it would take and how we could support reaching schools in the other four Ainaro "postus."

**Kanifing - Madison-Kanifing**, in partnership with the Wisconsin Medical Project, will be sending a shipping container of medical goods to Kanifing in January 2018. A pen-pal program has been started between students at Cherokee Middle School and students at Saint Charles Middle School in The Gambia. Arrangements have been with the UW African Studies program to establish a Discovery Box with artifacts shipped from The Gambia. Madison-Kanifing is also working with the UW International Division on an internship program in The Gambia for UW students. Some students have already expressed interest and program logistics are being worked out.

[49722](#)

Celebrate Madison Sister Cities event

Samba provided the themes he has prepared to guide selection of a guest speaker for our April event. The group had a good discussion and Samba invited additional thoughts to help in the selection. This will be topic of discussion at the next work group meeting scheduled for December 18.

A planning calendar is being prepared which will identify key tasks that need to be accomplished in the next four months. All key tasks will have an identified lead. Frank volunteered to take the lead on planning room arrangements and day of the event logistics.

[49724](#)

Display Case Schedule 2018

The sense of the group was to keep the joint display of all sister cities for 2018. The center space should be reserved for current event announcements e.g. the International Fest in February and the video display should be changed periodically to highlight individual organizations. Jon volunteered a new Camaguey video for February 2018.

[49725](#)

Cook Book Update

Our financial capacity to support both a cook book and the April "Celebrate" event is still a concern. It was agreed the knowing the complete costs, printing and layout, with and without photographs, is needed to make a decision. Carolyn will discuss this with Jo and encourage her to provide cost information at a future meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

Jonathon Solari, a new Madison resident, attended and expressed his interest in the at-large seat on the SCCC. He discussed his international experience and support for sister city relationships.

[49787](#)

Plans for participation in 24 February 2018 International Festival

Everyone was reminded to send in his or her vendor agreement and fee application by January 1, 2018. Frank discussed difficulties he has had with the Overture Center including misplaced paperwork and repeated submissions of the same documents year-after-year. He expressed the hope that the process could be improved for next year.

We will make the handout describing all our organizations available at everyone's table. Charles should be provided edits for your previous submissions as soon as possible. Jasmine is checking into having copies made.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

[49723](#)

SCCC Participation in 13 November 2017 Global Engagement Fair evaluation

Those that attended felt that the venue, Gordon Commons, and our table location were a significant improvement over last year and recommended that SCCC continue participation.

[49789](#)

Madison Youth Choir 10 December performances celebrating sister cities

Carolyn attended one of the December 10 performances of the Madison Youth Choir and thought it was outstanding. She recommended that we consider having the choir at our Celebration Event in April.

Carolyn also reported that Michael Ross, the Director, is still interested in a project that would highlight our sister city relationships to the Madison community.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

2018 SCCC Meeting dates. All meetings will occur at 5:30pm in the City County Building

Jan 22 - Rm.118A  
Feb 26 - Rm.108  
Mar 26 - Rm.108  
Apr 23 - Rm.108  
May 28 Memorial Day\*  
Jun 25 - Rm.108  
Jul 23 - Rm.108  
Aug 27 - Rm.108  
Sep 24 - Rm.108  
Oct 22 - Rm.108  
Nov 26 - Rm.108  
Dec 24 Christmas Eve\*

\*These meetings will need to be rescheduled

[49788](#)

Annual Statement of Interests City of Madison Committee Members Due January 2, 2018

A reminder was given to all committee members to complete the statement by the January 2 deadline.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn approved unanimously on a motion by Alfano, seconded by James. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM.