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Meeting Minutes - Draft SISTER CITY COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

Monday, January 22, 2018

5:30 PM

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

Room 118A

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Chair, Carolyn Gantner, at 5:38 PM.

Present: 8 - Frank L. Alfano; Josephine H. Oyama-Miller; Carolyn A. Gantner; Charles J. James; Jon F. Heinrich; Salvador A. Carranza; Samba Baldeh and Diane L. Farsetta

Absent: 2 - Daina P. Zemliauskas-Juozevicius and Musa Jallow

OTHERS PRESENT

Guest: Jonathan Solari. Member At-Large Possibility.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of December 12, 2017 approved unanimously on a motion by Alfano, seconded by James.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Sal indicated that he has moved to Monona and therefore is not a city resident anymore. His reappointment to the SCCC is currently under consideration and he believes that even though he is no longer a Madison resident he will be approved. Jo was in a similar situation and received reappointment. The fact that SCCC members represent a city recognized organization and not themselves is an important consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

[50153](#) Feb 24 - International Fest - final plans

Jo will bring the banner and updated sister city handouts will be available for all our tables. Charles is preparing an information booklet for the festival with a more consistent look than last year's handout. He will provide everyone an opportunity to review and edit their information. The updated information will also be used in the program for the April Celebrate Event.

[50151](#) Election of officers for 2018

It was decided to wait until after the Celebrate Madison Sister Cities event in April to address election of officers.

REGULAR BUSINESS

[50148](#) Sister City Program Reports

Mantova - A delegation from Mantova is planning to visit at the time of the April Celebrate Event with a visit to Chicago on their itinerary.

Arcatao - Madison Arcatao Sister City Project (MASCP) will hold their annual planning meeting this week. A delegation to Arcatao in May or June is under consideration.

Carolyn also shared a statement from the El Salvador Sister Cities movement outlining their objection to the announcement of the Trump administration that they are ending the Temporary Protected Status humanitarian program for 200,000 Salvadorans in the United States.

Freiburg - Charles reminded everyone that their annual meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2018, at the University Club. John Wiley, former chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Madison, will be the guest speaker.

Tepatitlán - Their steering committee met in December to plan 2018 initiatives. Jessica Cavazos, Executive Director of the Latino Chamber of Commerce, is now a member of the committee. The following are the initiatives for 2018:

- Continue planning for a health clinic in Tepatitlán. This initiative involves Madison-Tepa Sister Cities, the University of Guadalajara CUALTOS campus in Tepatitlán and the Madison Lions Club. Additional partners under consideration include the Global Health Program and School of Human Ecology at UW-Madison.
- A delegation of muralist from Madison will visit Tepatitlán to prepare for the creation of a mural in their history museum.
- The committee approved funds for the April 14th sister city event.
- Approval was given for annual funding to support the elementary school arts program in Tepatitlán.

- The Latino Chamber of Commerce invited muralist Jose Guadalupe Rios to exhibit at the annual Latino Art Fair at the Overture Center.
- Preparations are underway for a delegation visit to Tepatitlán in March.

Camagüey - The organization is searching for a new location for their bi-monthly meetings. Members have encouraged a location away from downtown where our meetings have been held at the Central Library. We have evaluated Centro Hispano and UCC Churches of Orchard Ridge. Carolyn suggested that we also consider the Goodman Center. A decision will be made at the February meeting of Madison-Camaguey Sister City Association (MCSCA).

Obihiro - Plans are underway for a Madison student trip (3 from West, 1 from Shabazz) to visit Obihiro in July. Jo indicated that English has been adopted as the language of choice for visitors lessening the language burden. An Obihiro group of students will visit for a two-week period in March. Other visits from Obihiro under consideration include another group of mental health professionals, farmers and an artist group to participate in the Art Fair Off the Square.

Ainaro - We are continuing to discuss opportunities for funding school garden efforts in different "postu" (county-like regions) of Ainaro with Timorese partners, and preparing to participate in the International Festival. We are also started planning for our "Taste of Timor" fundraiser the morning of Sunday, May 20, Timor-Leste's Independence Day.

Kanifing - Samba reported that a shipping container of medical goods left the Wisconsin Medical Project warehouse for The Gambia on January 19th. A Discovery Box with artifacts shipped from The Gambia has been established through the UW African Studies program. Samba also reported that their organization will participate in Africa Celebration Day at O'Keefe Middle School.

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Cook Book Update

After more discussion about the viability of the project, costs and additional effort needed it was decided to wait until after the April Celebrate Event to decide whether to proceed. Complete cost information is still needed, printing and layout, as well as the additional effort to complete each organizations contribution. It was requested that this information be provided before further consideration is given to proceeding.

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Celebrate Madison Sister Cities Work Group Event

Samba announced that former Governor Doyle and his wife Jessica have agreed to be guest speakers at the event. A table of proposed sponsorship levels including recognition was distributed. A discussion ensued and Samba requested that email comments be provided to him to aid in the development of a revision. Opinions were offered about having some lower priced sponsorship levels.

Carolyn provided a media/outreach plan for the event.

Charles announced that the Madison Youth Choir has agreed to perform during the event and summarized what the event program looks like at this time.

Frank gave an overview of catering and cash bar costs. Jon and Frank have visited Madison College on January 16th to discuss arrangements with the events and catering staff. Frank recommended that a future work group meeting be held there.

The group discussed allocation of tickets and the use of excess funds, should any be forthcoming, from the event without reaching any definitive conclusions.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

[50152](#)

At-Large Member Possibility- Jonathan Solari

Unanimous support was given to have Jonathan fill the at-large seat on the SCCC. His appointment needs to be approved by the Mayor and confirmed by the Common Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn approved unanimously on a motion by Alfano, seconded by Carranza. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.