



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft SISTER CITY COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

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Monday, May 21, 2018

5:30 PM

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

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Chair Charles James at 5:45 pm.

**Present:** 6 - Frank L. Alfano; Daina P. Zemliauskas-Juozevicius; Charles J. James;  
Jonathan S. Solari; Diane L. Farsetta and Musa Jallow

**Absent:** 5 - Josephine H. Oyama-Miller; Carolyn A. Gantner; Jon F. Heinrich; Salvador  
A. Carranza and Samba Baldeh

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of April 23, 2018 meeting approved unanimously without amendment  
on a motion offered by Frank and seconded by Jonathan.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

[51602](#)

Sister Cities Photo Exhibit

Item from Carolyn; believed to be about having framed photos from sister cities  
displayed in Overture. Charles will follow up with Karra Beach at Overture.

## REGULAR BUSINESS

[51675](#)

2019 SCCC Celebrate Event

Charles asks for agreement on whether to organize a celebrate Madison's sister cities event next year. Diane suggests waiting until we have a financial report on this year's event. Frank suggests focusing the next meeting solely on organizing next year's event. We want to decide on a date, secure a venue and have a theme or speakers all in place before asking for sponsorships in October. Frank moved that the group organize a celebrate Madison's sister cities event in 2019, Jonathan seconds. Motion passes.

[51612](#)

Sister City Program Reports May 2018

Ainaro - Held our annual "Taste of Timor" fundraiser yesterday, May 20 (Timor-Leste's independence day) at the Goodman Center. It was a good event, with delicious food donated from Bandung restaurant, Willy St Co-op and EVP Coffee. Diane also shares that the city display case locks (for the lower storage area) are not working. She suggests the group ask the city for repairs. She'll find out who has the display case next and coordinate changing the display, since only one storage area is unreliably accessible and that area is nearly filled.

Kanifing - Samba is leaving for Gambia tomorrow with medical supplies. The group is also organizing a sponsorship program for people in Gambia named in honor of Samba's niece, who was killed in Madison. The group will be participating at the O'Keeffe Middle School Africa Day event this Thursday.

Vilnius - The group had very successful events in early May, with the performance of "The Singing Revolution" at the Capitol, with the author of the cantata interviewed on WPR the previous day. That evening was the group's annual banquet at the Madison Club, which was well attended.

Freiburg - The group's board meeting was rescheduled for later tonight. The current Mayor of Freiburg, Dieter Salomon lost re-election recently. The group will be writing to them him for his support and to congratulate the new mayor, Martin Horn.

Arcatao - The group is planning an early June delegation on women's issues, with 8 to 10 people participating.

Mantova - Festa Italia will be at McKee Farms June 1 to 3.

Camaguey (in absentia) - The group is planning a late June trip.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

[51598](#) Celebrate Sister City Event Wrap-Up

Tabled until June, so we have data on income and expenses. Once we have that information, we can determine how much to keep for 2019 event.

[51601](#) Dane Dances Update

Jonathan is in touch with the lead volunteer and will share information about participating in the August 24 event.

[51599](#) Madison Youth Choirs Honorarium

Tabled until June, so that we can decide the amount after seeing the financials for the event.

[51676](#) SCCC Alternate Meeting Time

Samba has meetings that conflict. Jonathan will put out a poll to help the group find a new day, perhaps other Mondays of the month.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

[51600](#) 2018 Financial Disbursements

As Jasmine emailed, groups should receive a check or direct deposit for \$3325.25, because the city increased the budget for our groups. Don't worry about the "purchase order" paperwork sent.

## ADJOURNMENT

Frank moves to adjourn at 6:24 pm, seconded by Jonathan and passed unanimously.