



#### SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday July 11, 2018
Administrative Conference Room, TOURISM Santa Fe
201 West Marcy Street
505-955-6707
4:00 to 5:00 PM

#### Goals of the Sister Cities Committee:

- More effectively market Sister Cities and what they do
- Develop educational programs in schools
- Strengthen relationships with existing Sister Cities
- Involve greater community in work and activities of Sister Cities
- Re-enforce and build existing relationships through trade and tourism efforts
- 1. Call to Order
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- 4. Approval of Minutes
  - a) June 13, 2018
- 5. Report of Chair
- 6. Reports & Updates
  - a) Education Committee—Jeff Case, Sky Lopez
  - b) Bukhara, Uzbekistan
  - c) Holguin, Cuba
  - d) Icheon, South Korea
  - e) Livingstone, Zambia
  - f) Parral, Mexico
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# SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2018 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

# Goals of the Sister Cities Committee

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Sister Cities Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair, Carol Robertson-Lopez at 4:00 pm; Administrative Conference Room, Tourism Santa Fe. A quorum is reflected under roll call.

#### ROLL CALL

#### Present:

Carol Robertson-Lopez, Chair Dr. Jeff Case Arthur Olivas Bernard Rubenstein Rhonda Faught Carl Moore Sky Stith Rudy Fernandez

Carlene Carey

#### Not Present:

Clara Padilla Andrews

#### Others Present:

Jackie Camborde, Arts Services Coordinator Kathryn Kline, Cultural Partnership Coordinator Fran Lucero, Stenographer

# 2. Approval of Agenda

Add: Report from staff.

Mr. Olivas moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by Ms. Faught, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

## 3. Approval of Minutes – June 13, 2018

Correction: Rudy Fernandez was present. Under report on Parral, MX. It says Mr. Fernandez was not present.

Mr. Rubenstein moved to approve the minutes as amended, second by Mr. Fernandez, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

## 4. Report of Chair

T-shirts were distributed for the International Folk Art Festival.

The committee members will meet on Sunday at 9:00 am at the Folk Art Festival.

Dr. Case said that there are 4 committee members whose term expired October 2017 and they would like to continue to serve. The Chair asked staff to follow up on the protocol will be to continue to serve. The Chair also noted that even the term has expired members would serve until told differently.

Dr. Case asked for an update on the art that is in storage at the airport. Ms. Camborde will follow up.

The Chair noted that she would send Carlene Carey information on HIPICO.

Dr. Case reminded the Sister City members to respond to their ethics disclosure forms and return to the City Clerk.

### 5. Report of Staff

Ms. Kathryn Kline, Cultural Partnership Coordinator, and new staff member of the Arts Commission. Ms. Kline provided a short bio of information on her background and employment. Ms. Kline's background includes working with traditional artists in Mexico and she has worked with several museums. Ms. Kline served as the Curator at Maxwell Museum of Anthropology at UNM. She was a teacher at NMSA for the last 2 years and she loves working with youth.

Southside Summer: Movie night was held in SWAN park last Friday and over 400 people were in attendance. Another event will be held at the mid town campus (previous School of Art and Design), CCA is taking the screen to keep it live. Willy Wonka is the movie for Saturday night and many other community partners will be there, it will start at 6:00 pm. It is free of charge and marketed as bring your grandparent to the movie. SWAN (Southwest Activity Node) is at the end of Jaguar Rd., it is one of a 4-phase park. There is also a website for southsidesummer.org.

#### 6. Committee Reports

#### a) Education Committee

Dr. Case spoke to a teacher from Mora, NM who was interested in Bukhara. She received a Fulbright Grant for teachers in rural areas. Dr. Case suggested that the Chair explore with her Sister City Washington leadership to see if other NM

teachers could participate in this program. Dr. Case will met with her on Sunday, July 15, 2018. There are many teachers that would benefit from a grant here in Santa Fe. Dr. Case said she is a high school teacher.

Sky Stith: Regarding the Sign Language and Emergent Program at the School for the Deaf: Classes start there at the end of August. Sky will try to get in to those classes. She has received updates from the School for the Deaf in San Miguel de Allende.

Dr. Case talked with Carlene Carey about the curriculum program they are trying to put together. They would be targeting middle school grades, 6,7, 8 and 9 and maybe have a multiple-choice questionnaire. Dr. Case said he would like to research on line reading source. Dr. Case and Carlene Carey will work together on a proposal. Ms. Carey said there is great support in the schools to study geography, anything that can be done to encourage kids to learn more about geography to let kids know they are in a bigger world.

Ms. Stith suggested that maybe listing the sister cities and information in the passport that would encourage the kids to look for the locations and personal relations with Santa Fe.

Dr. Case said he was sad they couldn't get any students to go to the Sister Cities Youth Conference.

### b) Bukhara, Uzbekistan

The Ambassador from Uzbekistan is not coming, he is sending his Cultural Attaché, and the Chair will pick him up to attend the Folk Art Market. He will read a proclamation from Uzbekistan and Mayor Webber will have an opportunity to meet him. There are approximately 20 artists here from Bukhara. These artists are self funded, their country does not pay for their travel expenses. The Chair shared a sad situation with artists from Bukhara who were scammed by a rental location. The Chair was able to work with her colleagues to get them housing.

# c) Holguin, Cuba – Bernard Rubenstein Congratulations to Carl Moore who has a beautiful show at Photo Eye with photography from Ecuador at the Rufina Circle.

The Cuban artists are here for the Folk Art Festival. He is pleased that they did not have Visa problems.

Mr. Rubenstein had a great dinner party with the Doctors who are graduates from the medical school in Cuba and prospective student for the medical school. There will be a fundraiser for the screen performance in September. The film is called Dare to Dream and her dream is to become a pediatrician.

Mr. Moore will be in Cuba on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Should anyone have any desire to visit Holguin, it is a perfect time to do so. Mr. Moore said that the dance competition is phenomenal.

Mr. Rubenstein will be in Granada, Spain in October.

Mr. Moore will be exhibiting in Vera Cruz, MX next week.

#### d) Icheon, South Korea

Dr. Case received an email from Dazy saying that they are contemplating a Sister City Concert and asked if we could send 10 students to participate. She emphasized it is a contemplated event, more information to follow.

The Chair stated that at the national level, if No. Korea opens up a possibility of having a tri-lateral relationship with Santa Fe, Icheon, Korea and sister city in North Korea. There will be a huge gap and a tri-lateral will be a great opportunity.

## e) Livingstone, Zambia

No report. Dr. Case met with Glenn from the Green Chamber of Commerce who had met with the Mayor and they had talked about doing something with sustainability. The Chair said that Sustainable Cities and Resilient Cities are on the agenda for the Sister Cities conference in Colorado.

# f) Parral, Mexico, Rudy Fernandez

The Mayor was re-elected by a landslide, he is an Independent. What that means for us is we will now have continuity. Mr. Fernandez has been talking to the Mayor about a future visit to Santa Fe. Mr. Rubenstein asked Mr. Fernandez to ask if there is any political relationship to the President of Mexico. The Chair asked that we do a Congratulatory letter from Mayor Webber to the new Mayor in Parral to strengthen our ties.

g) San Miguel de Allende, Mexico HIPICO is coming up and Carlene Carey will take the lead.

# h) Santa Fe de La Vega, Spain

# i) Sorrento, Italy – Chair Robertson Lopez Chair will reach out to John Trinacosta.

Mr. Moore said it would be helpful to have a dedicated Sister Cities member for Sorrento.

# j) Tsuyama, Japan – Arthur Olivas

At this time, a response has not been received. Right now the concern is the big flooding in Japan. There was no up to date information if Tsuyama is affected by the flooding. Mr. Olivas will provide the Chair with a status.

Ms. Carey said that a Performa should be considered to work on what can Sister Cities do if any of our sister cities are affected by increment weather.

# k) Zhangjiajie, China

Dr. Case noted that they have been invited to the conference. Communication has opened up again and we look forward to consistent discussion.

## Comments from Commissioners:

August 1, 2, 3 — Is it possible to get day registrations paid for Sister City members assisting or attending the Sister City Conference in Colorado for a day. Consideration is for 2 additional members to attend. Carlene Carey and Sky Stith are both interested in attending. Ms. Camborde will follow up.

# 7. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Sister Cities Committee, the Chair called for adjournment at 5:00 pm, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Signature Page:

Carol Robertson-Lopez, Chair