



# Agenda

## **SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, January 8, 2020**

**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
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes – November 20, 2019
5. Report of Staff  
Randy Randall, TSF Director, rrandall@santafenm.gov
6. Review of Member Terms
7. Report of Chair
8. Reports & Updates
  - a) Education Committee, Jeff Case, Ph.D. and Sky Stiha
  - b) Bukhara, Uzbekistan
  - c) Holguin, Cuba
  - d) Icheon, South Korea
  - e) Livingstone, Zambia
  - f) Parral, Mexico
  - g) San Miguel de Allende, Mexico
  - h) Santa Fe de la Vega, Spain
  - i) Sorrento, Italy
  - j) Tsuyama, Japan
  - k) Zhangjiajie, China
9. Adjourn

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**TIME: 3:22 PM**

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SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 8, 2020  
4:00 – 5:00 PM

GOALS TO THE SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE  
More effectively market Sister Cities and what they do  
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1. Call to Order

Carol Robertson Lopez, Chair, called the Sister Cities Meeting to order at 4:00 pm, Administrative Conference Room, 201 West Marcy Street, Santa Fe, NM, a quorum is declared in roll call.

ROLL CALL:

Present

Carol Robertson Lopez, Chair  
Sky Stith  
Rudy Fernandez  
Dr. Jeff Case

Not Present

Bernard Rubenstein, Excused  
Arthur Olivas  
Carl Moore  
Carlene Carey

Others Present

Toni Atencio  
Michelle Reich, Children's Librarian, LaFarge Branch, San Miguel de Allende Project  
Erminia Tapia, Staff, Arts Commission  
Anna Serrano for Fran Lucero, Stenographer

2. Approval of Agenda

*The Chair approved the agenda as presented.*

3. Approval of Minutes, November 20, 2019

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Mr. Fernandez moved to approve the minutes of November 20, 2019 as amended, second by Ms. Stith, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

#### 4. Report from Chair

The Chair reported that she met with Mr. Randy Randall on this date about the committee members terms, which have all expired. (See below #5)

Dr. Case worked on a proposed proclamation in remembrance of Mr. Gilbert Delgado. (correction: remove "n" at the end of Ms. Atencio's name. (Exhibit A)

Dr. Case stated that Mr. Delgado served the Sister Cities Committee with dedication in an unselfish manner. He came in years ago and saved this committee and resurrected it until it had strong membership, along with himself in the Chairmanship for years. Thank you to Mr. Delgado. He stated that they are all volunteers on this committee and he gave so much. Dr. Case remembered a wonderful lunch he had at Tomasita's with Mr. Delgado. Mr. Delgado devoted much of his time to the education of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing and to St. Mike's Spain exchange program. The Chair instructed Ms. Erminia Tapia to deliver the proclamation to Mr. Randall once it has been proofed, to bring forward to the Mayor and City Council for presentation and remembrance.

Sister Cities International conference will be held in Santa Fe on July 8-10, 2020. This will take place before the Folk Art Market. In terms of the leadership there should be about 50 people. There will be approximately 150 people in attendance at the meeting on Thursday. The Convention Center has been secured for the meeting and we will be paying a fee. Friday they will be having a Board meeting and the plan is to have cultural dancers in the Plaza and when the meeting is adjourned, they will continue downtown to see the Folk Art procession plus tour of downtown Santa Fe. In the past under the Chairmanship of Mr. Delgado, the International Sister Cities group came on the train from Albuquerque and volunteers from Sister Cities gave them tours in Santa Fe which was lovely. Erminia said that she has family from Tesuque Pueblo, and they dance so she will see if the dancers are available. The visitors are utilizing more Air B&Bs than hotels. Ms. Stith asked if there will be youth involved and if there is a need for volunteers? The Chair said yes, they will need volunteers and we should work with St. Mikes for youth participation. That Chair noted that the Mayor of San Antonio, Texas will be in attendance as the Chair of International Sister Cities. Sky is the mother of four kids that attend Mandela and she can get volunteers to help.

#### 5. Review of Member Terms

It was noted that there are terms that have expired, and the Chair asked for the members to indicate if they would like to continue to serve the Sister Cities Committee.

The Chair invited Ms. Toni Atencio, fiancé to the late Gilbert Delgado to the meeting today. Even though she was not a member of the committee, she was present at this month's meeting. She was born and raised from Peñasco and visited Santa Fe de la

Vega three times and she traveled with Mr. Delgado to Sorento, Italy – Granada Spain and many other places. She is interested in serving on the Sister Cities Committee. They tried very hard to connect international schools with St. Mikes. Mr. Delgado was a big contributor for an educational program that continues with the relationship with Spain.

Mr. Brian Goldbeck is retired from the State Department and has been attending meetings for the last few months, he is interested in being a member.

Michelle Reich is interested in being a member of Sister Cities Committee and brings her relationship with San Miguel de Allende as a strong attribute.

Mr. Arthur Olivas is interested in retiring from the committee as a member.

**6. Report and Updates**

Question is unanswered status of the mural at the airport. The Chair said that she understands that the mural is lost, Dr. Case has asked about this at every meeting. Ms. Tapia will follow up on it.

**7. Committee Reports**

**a) Education Committee**

- a. Received New Years greeting from Eam Tai-joon, Mayor of Icheon. The cards expressed gratitude for the attention and support provided to the recent July delegate visitation. There is a picture of Mayor Eam in the Santa Fe New Mexican.
- b. Received an excellent summation and conclusion of the Sister City Youth Orchestra experience from Carla Kountoupes. Carla is the Director of Music at Mandela and is a member of many local and regional professional orchestras like the Santa Fe Symphony. (Quote in Exhibit B)
- c. Congratulation to the Chair. Carol received her required approval from the US Department of State for her Honorary Counsel to Uzbekistan position. Her final step to gain the post is completed. The Mayor of Ohara would like to come during Folk Art Market. Erminia to follow up, Randy and the Chair will talk about the formalities. It is a great time for him to come.

The Chair was also invited to participate as an International Election Observer in the Uzbek December elections. Along with press conferences and other responsibilities, Carol met with the Mayor of Bukhara, our Sister City.

- d. You Tube – we have high quality music videos of our Santa Fe Youth performing at the Icheon Global Music festival.
- e. The Santa Fe students who traveled to the Icheon Global Music Festival brought back a gift for Mayor Weber.

- f. Working on a new relationship with KSFR and President Peter Smith. Possible Board of Directors appointment and possible Sister Cities program development,
- g. The Santa Fe Botanical Garden is still very interested in developing a Sister City project. The Chair has spoken with them and there are specifics that need to be worked out.

YAAS flyer changed price \$ and areas of the competition. 8-10 international kids were introduced to YAAS (Youth Artist & Authors Showcase), final winners have toured here in Santa Fe. The Chair said it is amazing to have a website. Erminia will find out about external links and list report on next month agenda. It was noted that any pictures on the website create an awesome visual. There is also the option of adding a slide show/video to the web as well.

Michelle Reich: Sent the Chair, Dr. Case and Randy Randall letter drafted for Mayor of San Miguel de Allende and asked for an update. It needs to be sent to Erminia and it needs to be translated to Spanish. Once the Mayor in San Miguel agrees that they will do a project with Santa Fe, the Biblioteca in San Miguel can begin to do capacity building before they can take on the program. The Chair shared with membership, Michelle's mom, this was her passion in San Miguel, this is the daughter carrying on a project of her Mother's. Michelle has had some interest from the Santa Fe Playhouse to connect with the San Miguel de Allende Playhouse and support the pen pals in play writing. Santa Fe Playhouse now has a playwright program hosted at the library. They are interested in making a connection. She is happy to make contact with the Botanical Garden to see if they have interest, it is a fabulous garden. Ms. Reich has been asked to contribute a chapter to a handbook on global childhood education and they asked her if she would write about the sister city project and she wanted to check with membership to see if there is anything she should be thinking about and asked for permission. The Chair said yes, you do have permission and we do need to run it through Randy Randall before it is sent out. The Chair asked that it be sent to Dr. Case. Thank you to Michelle. Michelle would also like to be on the Education committee when appointed to the Sister City Committee.

b) Uzbekistan/Bukhara

All invitation letters have been delivered for the Folk Art Market. Mayor would like to come. Every year they have a Silk & Spice Market. There was clarification on the Chair's travel expenses, she personally pays for her own travel.

The Chair said she originally got involved with Bukhara because the US Ambassador to Uzbekistan called the Chair to discuss promoting World Peace between the US and Uzbekistan. Anything you can do to promote sister cities is important. Bottom line our goal is to promote mutual respect and cooperation, one hand shake one person at a time to promote world peace. The peace in Afghanistan will come with the help from Uzbekistan. The Economist and International Publication weekly

named Uzbekistan country of the year. It is extremely safe to travel to this country. Ms. Stith said they use a lot of tribal language. Estan means land of the Uzbeks. They speak Uzbek and Russian and Russian is used by government

- c) Holguin, Cuba  
No report.
- d) Icheon, South Korea  
Early Summer Ceramic Event. People sacrifice so much to educate their kids in South Korea.
- e) Livingstone, Zambia  
The Chair met the Mayor of Livingston claims to have made several attempts to contact Mayor Weber to visit Santa Fe. Mr. Randall suggested they send us a letter.
- f) Parral, Mexico  
No report.
- g) San Miguel de Allende, Mexico  
Ms. Stith said she did get an Email from School for the Deaf and they are keeping her updated. She will reach out to them.
- h) Santa Fe de la Vega  
Brian Goldbeck will be visiting Santa Fe de la Vega and he will make a courtesy call.
- i) Sorrento, Italy  
For a while John Delageiro (spelling) was getting Sorrento going. He did not want to do any thing with us or Sister Cities, suggestion is to reach out to him.
- j) Tsuyama, Japan  
The US/Japan Summit will be held next year in a bigger city next to Tsuyama. Follow up to send letter when over there, not spontaneous.
- k) Zhangjiajie, China  
It was reported that the reception of this delegation was very sad as they came at a time when the Chair was in Houston. They were in Santa Fe for less than 24 hours and the invitation was never circulated to the Sister Cities Committee from the Mayor's office. In the future it should be suggested to inform the Sister Cities Committee members and they are happy to attend and represent the city.

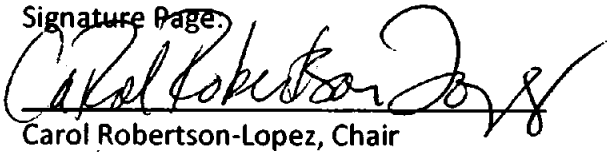
8. Committee Member Update

Mr. Fernandez stated that the Caballeros de Vargas will be travelling to Spain – October 12<sup>th</sup> for a 10-day trip. The limit is 40 people, please let him know if anyone is interested.

9. Adjourn

The Chair called for adjournment at 5:00 pm.

Signature Page.

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Carol Robertson-Lopez, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fran Lucero", written over a horizontal line.

Fran Lucero, Stenographer



## **Gilbert Delgado Proclamation**

**Whereas, Gilbert Delgado was born in Santa Fe, and who passed from us in Santa Fe on November 3, 2019 at the age 91; and**

**Whereas, Gilbert Delgado enjoyed the educational benefits of our exceptional Santa Fe highly regarded local institutions St. Mike's High School and St. Michaels College; and**

**Whereas, Gilbert Delgado gave exemplary military service and received national recognition for his educational work with Gallaudet University and deaf education; and**

**Whereas, Gilbert Delgado wished to exhibit the mission of Sister Cities International to work for peace and mutual understanding for the benefit of the City of Santa Fe and to establish citizen diplomacy for its citizens; and**

**Whereas, Gilbert Delgado assumed the responsibilities as Chair of the Santa Fe Sister Committee and made the arduous effort to rebuild and restart a city committee; and**

**Whereas, Gilbert Delgado exhibited exemplary citizen diplomacy with Sister City Delegations from Zhangjiajie, China; Sorrento, Italy; Icheon, South Korea; Parral, Mexico; and especially Santa Fe de la Vega, Spain; and**

**Whereas, Gilbert Delgado and Toni Atencio were head of delegation for the signing of MOU between city and educational leaders of Santa Fe and Santa Fe de la Vega, and to establish a student exchange between St. Mike's High School and the de la Vega Instituto Hispanidad;**

**Now, the Sister City Committee wishes to recognize these efforts by including these remarks in the committee minutes.**

*Exhibit A*

Jeff Case &lt;drjcase@comcast.net&gt;

1/7/2020 12:47 PM

**Fwd: January, 2020 Report Sister Cities Meeting - Jan 8 2020**

To Jeff Case &lt;drjcase@comcast.net&gt;

## ----- Original Message -----

From: Jeff Case &lt;drjcase@comcast.net&gt;

To: SPENCER, SHIRLEY J., Arthur Olivas <jpalolivas@cybermesa.com>, Bernie Rubenstein <baton@ix.netcom.com>, Brian Goldbeck <briangoldbeck@hotmail.com>, Carlene Carey <shebearenterpriz@aol.com>, Chair - Carol Robertson Lopez <crobertsonlopez@comcast.net>, Clara Padilla Andrews <cpadilla@masnewmexico.com>, Moore, Carl, KAMIYAMA, PAULINE K., Rudy Fernandez <rrfmlr@aol.com>, Sky Stith <sci.kristinskystith@gmail.com>, TAPIA, ERMINIA M.  
Cc: RANDALL, RANDY

Date: January 7, 2020 at 12:45 PM

Subject: January, 2020 Report Sister Cities Meeting - Jan 8 2020

1. We received New Years greetings from Eam Tai-joon, Mayor of Icheon. Two beautiful cards were sent with one in English and the other in Korean. The cards expressed gratitude for the attention and support provided to the recent July delegate visitation.

2. We received an excellent summation and conclusion of the Sister City Youth Orchestra experience from Carla Kountoupes. Carla is the Director of Music at Mandela and is a member of many local and regional professional orchestras like the Santa Fe Symphony.

Quote: " The students who participated in the Sister Cities International Youth Orchestra Festival in Icheon Korea all learned so much from the overall experience. They displayed amazing openness, tenacity, curiosity, and drive as they set out on this amazing adventure and cultural exchange. Not only did they go into the experience with gusto, they also put in a huge amount of preparation including attending rehearsals, meetings, and working their tails off to raise funds. They thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the other participating students from all over the globe, and loved trying new foods and seeing the sights in and around Icheon. Lee Harvey and I are so very proud of them and are thrilled to see the growth in these students through this incredible opportunity. We have no doubt they will carry this very rewarding and mind expanding experience with them throughout their lives.

3. Congratulations Carol. Carol received her required approvals from the U, S, Department of State for her Honorary Counsel to Uzbekistan position. Her final step to gain this post is completed.

She was also invited to participate as an International Election Observer in the Uzbek December elections. Along with press conferences and other responsibilities, Carol met with the Mayor of Bukhara, our Sister City.

4. You Tube. These are high quality music videos of our Santa Fe youth performing at the Icheon Global Music Festival.

*Exhibit B.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HAH15xDj7T0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6iVvypeMrEs>

5. Gift for Mayor Weber. The Santa Fe students who traveled to the Icheon Global Music Festival have given a gift to be delivered to Mayor Weber.

6. Santa Fe New Mexican photo of Mayor Eam

7. New relationship with KSFR and President Peter Smith. Possible Board of Directors appointment and possible Sister City program development.

8. The Santa Fe Botanical Garden is still very interested in developing a Sister City project.

1-7-20 Jeff Case

On January 6, 2020 at 1:05 PM SPENCER, SHIRLEY J. wrote:

Hello Board Members,

Attached is the Sister Cities packet for the 1/8/20 Meeting. Please RSVP your attendance as usual.

Thank you!

Shirley Spencer

Administrative Manager

TOURISM Santa Fe

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