



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF
SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE
JULY 19, 2023
4:00 PM
TOURISM CONFERENCE ROOM
SANTA FE COMMUNITY
CONVENTION CENTER
201 WEST MARCY STREET

PROCEDURES FOR THE SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. Minutes – June 21, 2023
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
5. **MATTERS FROM STAFF**
6. **MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**
 - a.

Discussion/Updates of Each City: Ideas for Engagement, Volunteer and Liaison Network Subcommittee (Carol Robertson-Lopez, Sister Cities Chair, crobertsonlopez@comcast.net).

- Bukhara, Uzbekistan – Carol Robertson-Lopez
- Holguin, Cuba – Stuart Ashman
- Icheon, South Korea – Jeff Case
- Livingstone, Zambia – Kerri Cottle
- Parral, Mexico – Ron Press
- San Miguel de Allende, Mexico – John Self
- Santa Fe de la Vega, Spain – Jill Heppenheimer
- Sorrento, Italy – Judith Moir
- Tsuyama, Japan – Satori Murata
- Zhangjiajie, China – Carol Robertson-Lopez

- b. 2024 Anniversary Summer (Carol Robertson-Lopez, Sister Cities Chair, croberstonlopez@comcast.net)

7. **NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 16, 2023**

8. **ADJOURN**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 4:02PM

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Member Carol Robertson Lopez
Member Kerri Cottle
Member Jeff Case
Member Judith Moir
Member Ron Press
Member John Self

Members Excused:

Member Stuart Ashman
Member Jill Heppenheimer
Member Peter Ives
Member Satori Murata

Others Attending:

Shirley Spencer, Clerk
Randy Randall, Attendee

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Member Judith Moir moved, seconded by Member Kerri Cottle, to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE: The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

For: Member Carol Robertson Lopez, Member Kerri Cottle, Member Jeff Case, Member Judith Moir, Member Ron Press

Against: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES



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- a. Minutes – May 17, 2023

MOTION: Member Judith Moir moved, seconded by Member Jeff Case, to approve the minutes as presented.

VOTE: The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

For: Member Carol Robertson Lopez, Member Kerri Cottle, Member Jeff Case, Member Judith Moir, Member Ron Press, Member John Self

Against: None

5. MATTERS FROM STAFF



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- A. Discussion of Each City and Ideas for Engagement and Letters to Mayor (Carol Robertson-Lopez, Sister Cities Chair, crobertsonlopez@comcast.net)

- Bukhara, Uzbekistan
- Holguin, Cuba
- Icheon, South Korea
- Livingstone, Zambia
- Parral, Mexico
- San Miguel de Allende, Mexico
- Santa Fe de la Vega, Spain
- Sorrento, Italy
- Tsuyama, Japan
- Zhangjiajie, China

Suggested for newsletter to be sent quarterly (starting July – Sept) and a cover letter for newsletter be created by Carol. For the newsletter distribution SF sister cities group will work to create a list of International sister cities contacts (google each city for Mayor's & Tourism) list should be email rather than physical address'.

Building infrastructure for Sister Cities is needed - possible solutions is directional signage, Travel bug, scrapbook page, exhibit display at airport and other desirable location and a sister cities website. Business Cards will be created for SF Sister Cities members

- B. 2024 Anniversary Summer (Carol Robertson-Lopez, Sister Cities Chair, crobertsonlopez@comcast.net)

Seattle dance group to perform on plaza for next year and Carol will raise money for it. Concept is to bring in creative cities folk art and invite all sister cities. China coming in Sept.

- C. Sister City Volunteer update/ Liaison Network Subcommittee (Carol Robertson-Lopez, Sister Cities Chair, crobertsonlopez@comcast.net)

- Bukhara, Uzbekistan
- Holguin, Cuba
- Icheon, South Korea
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Discussed the positives of sub-committees. Also, discussed the need to network within own group how other sister cities subcommittees work particularly with youth groups, educational programs and other events they do.

John Self said Live video child connections/engagement are great and cost nothing. Ron Press volunteered if Spanish class is suggested he can set this up. Kerri will provide information.

Randy Randall suggested building a budget.

6. **MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**
7. **NEXT MEETING: July 19 2023**
8. **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 5:02PM

Shirley Spencer

Stenographer/Liaison

Chair

SPENCER, SHIRLEY J.

From: Jeff Case <drjcase@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 3:36 PM
To: SPENCER, SHIRLEY J.; Peter Ives; Stuart Ashman; Murata Satori; Ron Press; RANDALL, RANDY; kerri cottle; Judith Moir; John Self; Jill Heppenheimer; Devendra Narayan; Carol Robertson-Lopez
Subject: Some Fundraising Ideas & Filling The Gap

Here is a report that may be of interest and fill the gap about raising funds for expensive travel exchanges.

For the Zhangjiajie, China, Mariachi concert, the six Mariachi musicians would perform concerts at venues like the Castro restaurant and elsewhere to raise funds through donations. This worked quite well and we raised about \$7,000.

For the Tsuyama, Japan, student exchange, Shari Osgood would organize dinners at a community center. Carol and I went to these dinner events, and Mayor Webber also. There was a good turn out and appreciation for these community dinners. Quite a few students benefited from this exchange. Repeated many years.

For the Santa Fe de la Vega, Spain, student exchange. Marci Sullivan, then President of St. Mike's High School, would organize fundraiser events. This was a very successful program whereby a de la Vega student or two would come to live in Santa Fe for a school year and stay with a host family. Repeated quite a few years.

For the Icheon, South Korea, Sister City Youth Concert we used the Dollars For Schools 501c3 at the Santa Fe Community Foundation. This raised about \$4,000. Then we organized dinners and silent auctions with Icheon art items and even the famous Icheon rice. This raised about another \$4,000. The last donation was from Meow Wolf who heard about our effort and was impressed. They gave us another \$4,000 for the Santa Fe Sister City Youth Symphony. With about \$12,000 to help with expenses, we sent 10 students and 2 chaperones to Icheon.

The Icheon concert was terrific. Five Sister Cities. Deeply moving. Very emotional. Strong connections with students from Mandela, The Waldorf School, and New Mexico School for the Arts. Won a national award from Sister Cities. Here are the links for you to see for yourself.

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

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

On 07/13/2023 2:18 PM MDT SPENCER, SHIRLEY J. <sjspencer@santafenm.gov> wrote: