

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COORDINATING COUNCIL**

Excerpt Minutes of the Meeting of August 21, 2012

Members:	J	J	M	A	M	F	J	D	N	O	S	A	Commissioners
Carolina Rendeiro	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Comm. Maria Anderson
Nancy Sanabria	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera Jr.
Steve Edelstein	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	Vice-Mayor William H. Kerdyk
Lourdes Cuzan	E	-	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	Mayor Jim Cason
David Duckenfield	E	-	P	P	E	P	E	E	E	P	P	P	Comm. Frank Quesada
Art DeNunzio	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Patrick Salerno, City Manager
Paul Posnak	P	-	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	Council-at-Large Appointment

Ex Officio:

Marco Ibarra

Business Affiliation:

Vice Chair, Int'l Division CGCC

A = Absent
P = Present
E = Excused
X = No Meeting

Staff in Attendance:

Evelyn Paz, Secretary, IACC

Guest:

Spencer Barrett Meredith, Special Emissary for Trade and Culture, Sociedad Historica de Montecristi

PISA ITALY:

The Mayor, Mr. DeNunzio, and the Consul General of Italy have been working together regarding the issues with Pisa and their disinterest in participating as a Sister City of Coral Gables. The Consul General suggested that we forge a relationship with another city in Italy and that Pisa be relegated to an Emeritus City. Mr. DeNunzio describes the City of Pavia, a university-centered city in Italy that would make a good match for Coral Gables. Informational packets are distributed to the Board. Pavia must be recommended by the IACC and then approved by the City Commission. Ms. Rendeiro says Pavia is a powerful little City comparable to Coral Gables in many ways. It has no American Sister Cities at this time. Mr. Duckenfield asks if there are any red flags we should be cautious about with Pavia given the issues with Pisa. Ms. Rendeiro says the problem with Pisa was that the relationship was originally with the province and not the city.

Mr. Edelstein makes the motion that the Board consider Pavia as a Sister City because he has not had enough time to truly think about the topic. He would like to make the final decision next month. Mr. DeNunzio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Paz

Secretary, International Affairs Coordinating Council