

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

**Minutes of the Meeting of June 12, 2014**

<b>Members:</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Commissioners</b>
Carolina Rendeiro	P	-	P	P	P	P							Comm. Patricia Keon
Nancy Sanabria	P	-	P	P	P	P							Comm. Vince Lago
Steve Edelstein	P	-	P	P	P	P							Vice-Mayor William H. Kerdyk
Lourdes Cuzan	P	-	E	P	P	E							Mayor Jim Cason
David Duckenfield	P	-	P	E	-	-							Comm. Frank Quesada
Art DeNunzio	P	-	P	P	P	E							Patrick Salerno, City Manager
Paul Posnak	P	-	E	E	P	P							Council-at-Large Appointment

**Business Affiliation:**

Frances Reaves = Excused

Chamber of Commerce liaison

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

**Staff in Attendance:**

Evelyn Paz, Secretary, IACC

**Guest:**

Claudio Pastor, Executive Director of the Societa' Dante Alighieri

Laura Yanes, The Societa' Dante Alighieri

Valarie Sutter, Coral Gables – Resident

Dr. Enrique Monasterio, Coral Gables – Resident

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Chairperson Ms. Rendeiro called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Ms. Sanabria to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 20, 2014. Mr. Posnak seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ANTIGUA, GUATEMALA:**

Ms. Sanabria says that the Antigua plaza project development is moving ahead nicely by the project team in Antigua. They have contacted and received interest from the 1<sup>st</sup> partner neighborhood of San Sebastian. Once they are further advanced in the planning, they will coordinate a visit to Coral Gables for collaboration and input.

She sent them an article regarding the Downtown Miami Development Authority and how they created a task force comprised of board members from the Downtown Miami Development Authority, Flagler Street property owners, business owners and other stakeholders to plan for and oversee the revitalization of Flagler Street in Downtown Miami, as this project is similar to the

Antigua development. Regarding Mark Kendall's film, La Camioneta, Ms. Sanabria says that the showing could be made possible at the Museum; the Museum is amenable to the idea and it could most likely take place in the Fall. Ms. Sanabria said she contacted the Cinema but has not received word as of it. The Museum's acoustics indoors may be an issue, however the outdoor veranda is an option. Ms. Sanabria will work on the appropriate venue.

#### PAVIA, ITALY:

Mr. DeNunzio was excused. Ms. Rendeiro explains that the paperwork has been sent to Washington, D.C. but that there has been no response as of yet.

#### AIX-EN-PROVENCE:

Mr. Edelstein says he does not have any updates.

#### CARTAGENA COLOMBIA:

Ms. Cuzan was excused.

#### Coral Gables International Festival of the Arts:

Mr. Posnak sent around the final proposed budget for the Sister Cities International Festival of the Arts. Mr. Posnak says the most important thing is that he adjusted the budget to be as realistic as possible, but he says that his concern is that they present it and the preparation gets going. Mr. Posnak would like that the city pay for Mayors and delegations who attend the Festival. Mr. Edelstein and Ms. Rendeiro both argue the idea of paying for the airfare. Mr. Posnak says that the budget would be \$23,000.00 without airfare, and airfare alone \$15,000.00. Mr. Posnak agrees to asterisk the airfare for the time being because it would be difficult to ascertain how many people would be coming and from where. Ms. Rendeiro says the commission will not agree if there is a question mark. There must be a complete budget. She says that the budget should be presented as a timeline. Mr. Edelstein says that there should be funding from the new International Affairs Foundation. However, the city will not receive a 501c3 message from the IRS for a while. Ms. Rendeiro asks whether the companies can fund the Foundation before there is 501c3 message from the IRS. Ms. Paz informs the board that the money cannot be utilized until all the work for the 501c3 is complete. Mr. Posnak suggests that the board discuss the funds in relation to the Festival with the Mayor as he believes the Mayor would be a very strong supporter of the Festival. The Board discusses who decides how the funds in the Foundation are used. The nonprofit organization is not a part of the city as Mr. Edelstein says. Mr. Edelstein suggests that Mr. Posnak include lodging for Festival participants. Ms. Rendeiro says that they need to asterisk lodging as well. There is discussion about whether putting the participants up is acceptable or not.

#### Announcement:

Ms. Rendeiro says that she has sent in the paperwork for Curitiba and that is being worked on. She says she came in from Montreal, and had spoken to representatives from Quebec. Once all

the work is done, Ms. Rendeiro says that the representatives want to host a sister city event in Quebec and they would be willing to pay for it. The Chamber and Mayor want to do so together, she says. Ms. Rendeiro will be going to Poland with Mark Trowbridge this September at the request of the Polish Delegation who was here for the CAMACOL event. Ms. Rendeiro says she met with a representative from China who was here for CAMACOL. Ms. Rendeiro says Turkey was coming into Miami, and that she will be heading to Istanbul soon. Ms. Rendeiro also says she is going to Madrid and Barcelona. Ms. Rendeiro wants to have more representation from Miami attend the Sister Cities Conference in San Jose, California. Ms. Rendeiro says that she would like to have a youth member added to the Board, but that it would require an amendment to the bylaws. The position would have to be for a local individual who could carry on the position throughout the year. Mr. Edelstein says he wants a meeting with the Mayor to discuss the Foundation.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2014.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Paz

Secretary, International Affairs Coordinating Council