

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

**Minutes of the Meeting of August 21, 2012**

<b>Members:</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Commissioners</b>
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	E	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	-	E	P	E	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	Comm. Frank Quesada
Art DeNunzio	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	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

Chairperson Carolina Rendeiro called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Mr. DeNunzio to approve the minutes of the meeting on July 17, 2012. Mr. Posnak seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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 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.

#### LA ANTIGUA:

Ms. Rendeiro informs Ms. Sanabria that she found a wine sponsor for her. Ms. Sanabria said they were going to include the wine with the ballet performance but that the performance has been tabled for a future date to be determined. For the IACC sponsored event the rum will be the highlight of the evening and she thinks it's better not to have the rum competing against another spirit.

Ms. Sanabria reviews the Sister City celebrations of La Antigua. The art of Victor Ariolla will be featured as well as art by additional artists, until the end of October. The kickoff event is the opening of the exhibit which corresponds with the first Friday gallery night which is free and open to the public. Botram rum will be sponsoring a bar on two nights. Thursday night will be the Botram lecture as part of the Museum's wine and spirit series, the museum will sponsor the appetizers. The IACC sponsored event will probably be Wednesday September 12 from 7-9pm. That evening will offer complimentary entrance for up to 100 guests and an interactive rum bar. The food will be co-sponsored by Bloom, a brand new Guatemalan fusion restaurant, and the City of Coral Gables

Mr. Edelstein suggests doing the IACC event on a different date closer to the rum series. Ms. Sanabria says this was the only date that worked for everyone, moving the event to Friday would mean having to find a different caterer. She reviews the draft invitation and the list of sponsors.

The third event will be family day at the museum from 1-4pm in the third week of October. Dunia will come in and do a special presentation for children. Although the IACC event will be free of charge it will be by invitation only. Ms. Rendeiro asks about the budget. Bloom says it will take upwards of \$4000 for the food. Ms. Sanabria asked for \$2000 from the City Manager because the City is only covering half the cost. Ms. Sanabria said she needs help from board members in a compiling guest list. Evelyn says it would probably be best that everyone send her their individual lists and suggests that RSVPs be made via e-mail to the Mayor's Office. Ms. Sanabria also informs the Board that she was able to book a very talented guitarist. All that is left to do is to confirm the date of the IACC event.

#### AIX-EN-PROVENCE:

Mr. Edelstein said Aix is redoing their website and would like to have a specific page about Coral Gables. They sent a request for information. As per Mayor Cason's instructions, Mr. Edelstein advised his contacts in Aix to look on the Coral Gables website for the information and should they require anything additional to let him know. Mr. Edelstein has not gotten a response so he assumes they found everything they needed. He also suggested that they include a link to the Coral Gables website on their site.

#### STATUS OF NEW SISTER CITIES:

Ms. Rendeiro gives the Board updates on the newly added Sister Cities. She says Jacksonville flared up over Curitiba being adopted by Coral Gables but the organization had no problem with it. She says once the paperwork is done she will pass it on to Mr. Duckenfield to start working with the Brazilian consulate. Mr. Posnak will be the liaison to Quebec City.

GUEST:

Spencer Meredith introduces himself as a Coral Gables resident, museum owner in Monte Cristi, Dominican Republic, and an anthropology enthusiast. Please see information on Mr. Meredith's presentation about Monte Cristi attached.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Ms. Rendeiro and Mr. DeNunzio give praise to commend their IACC board members. They say this has been the most active IACC board they have ever sat on and take note of all that they have accomplished in a single term.

Ms. Rendeiro says she is still working on the Board's nonprofit status. Mr. Edelstein says he has experience is organizing nonprofits and would be happy to help in a pro bono capacity.

Ms. Rendeiro says she met with the Mayor about the museum relationship to the IACC. He was in total agreement with the IACC, if an event is a Sister City event they can't charge for it. The museum can have events that feature different cities or countries as long as they aren't using the "Sister City brand" and limiting access.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 25, 2012.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Paz

Secretary, International Affairs Coordinating Council