

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

**Minutes of the Meeting of December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**MEMBERS:**

	<b>N</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>A</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>COMMISSIONERS:</b>
Allan Rosenbaum	X	A	P	P	X	X	-	-	-	-	X	A	Comm. Maria Anderson
Sylvester Lukis	X	A	E	P	X	X	-	-	-	-	X	A	Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Steve Edelstein	X	P	P	P	X	X	-	-	-	-	X	P	Vice-Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Carolina Rendeiro	X	P	P	P	X	X	P	P	P	P	X	P	Mayor Don Slesnick
Luba DeWitt	X	P	E	P	X	X	P	P	P	P	X	P	Comm. Wayne "Chip" Withers
Art DeNunzio	X	P	P	P	X	X	P	P	P	P	X	P	Patrick Salerno, City Manager
Paul Posnak	X	P	P	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	X	P	Council-at-Large Appointment

**Ex Officio:**

	<b>N</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>A</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>Business Affiliation:</b>
Deirdre Nero	X	P	P	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	X	A	Vice Chair, Int'l. Division, CGCC

**A = Absent**

**P = Present**

**E = Excused**

**X = No Meeting**

**Staff in Attendance:**

Evelyn Paz, Secretary, IACC

Meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Art DeNunzio to approve the minutes of the International Affairs Coordinating Council Meeting of October 20th, 2009. Motion was seconded by Paul Posnak.

**VISIT BY MAYOR JOSE TORRES HURTADO:**

Ms. Rendeiro informs on possible complimentary business class ticket for two on Air Europe from Madrid to Miami. She added if Mayor Hurtado confirms this proposal, we will move forward to schedule a date for the visit.

**AIX-EN-PROVENCE MISSION:**

Ms. Rendeiro reported on the Chamber of Commerce upcoming mission to France. Ms. Rendeiro added that there will be a pre-trip leaving in February 2010. Ms. Rendeiro further mentions that the Beacon Council will be going to Paris Lyon and Nice. The Coral Gables Chamber has already reached out to the Aix-en-Provence Chamber of Commerce and is working directly with on further plans.

**ARCHITECTURE AND ARTS:**

Mr. DeNunzio mentions discussion and anticipation on the Italian Education Exchange. The Educational Aspect is not stable it is just a part of the overall program. The Italian Chamber of Commerce in Pisa has been working to bring the exhibit to the University of Miami. Mr. DeNunzio mentions Dante Alighieri and Consul General Marco Rocca being heavily involved. He continues by stating those in charge in Pisa of restructuring the Leaning Tower will be hosting the exhibit. He mentions that Mayor Slesnick has been working with Professor Antonio Nanni for over two months. Mr. DeNunzio concluded by stating that a discussion was held to retain one of the items in exhibit to be permanently placed at the University of Miami. The exhibits are scheduled for February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to last 3 weeks. Overall discussion occurred regarding the exhibits which would take place at the University Of Miami School Of Architecture.

**QUITO, ECUADOR SISTER CITY:**

Ms. Rendeiro recommends the removal of non-active Quito, Ecuador from the Sister Cities program. Dr. Paul Posnak motions to remove Quito, Ecuador from our Sister City program. The motion was seconded by Art DeNunzio. Chair person Rendeiro states all in favor. Motion passes. Ms. Rendeiro states that the City Commission would vote on the future Sister City. She went on to say if any board members would have any possible candidates to present to the City Commission. Overall discuss occurred regarding candidates for the replacement of Quito, Ecuador.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:47am.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Paz

Secretary, International Affairs Coordinating Council