

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

**Minutes of the Meeting of July 21, 2015**

<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>
Lourdes Cuzán	P	E	P	E	X	X	P	P	X	E	P	P	Mayor Jim Cason
Israel Reyes	E	E	P	E	X	X	-	P	X	E	P	P	Vice-Mayor Frank Quesada
Carolina Rendeiro	E	E	P	P	X	X	P	P	X	P	E	E	Commissioner Patricia Keon
Nancy Sanabria	P	P	E	P	X	X	P	P	X	P	P	P	Commissioner Vince Lago
Volker Anding	-	-	-	-	X	X	P	P	X	E	P	P	Comm. Jeannett Slesnick
Steve Edelstein	P	P	P	P	X	X	P	E	X	P	P	P	Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark, City Manager
Enrique Monasterio	-	-	-	-	X	X	P	P	X	E	P	E	Council-at-Large Appointment

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

**Staff in Attendance:**  
Evelyn Paz, Secretary, IACC

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mrs. Sanabria made a motion to approve the minutes of the IACC meeting on April 28, 2015 and Mr. Edelstein seconded the motion. All in favor, the minutes were approved unanimously.

**ANTIGUA, GUATEMALA:**

Ms. Sanabria said the new Guatemala consul General Rosa Maria Merida de Mora and Dunia Miranda-Mauri, Guatemala Trade Commissioner from our Sister Cities will meet with Mayor Cason and Ms. Sanabria in welcome and congratulations on the consul's new position and to state that we look forward to our future Sister City developments on August 5th at 10am in the Mayor's Office at City Hall. Ms. Sanabria continues to inform on the fire truck donation and other items that will be donated along with the fire trucks. Mr. Anding asks whether there are any assurances of how the donations are properly used. Ms. Sanabria says that the process requires that the donee fill out a form to keep Antigua accountable.

#### PAVIA, ITALY:

Mr. Monasterio had nothing to report.

#### AIX-EN-PROVENCE, FRANCE:

Mr. Edelstein would like to know when he can provide Mr. Anding all the information on Aix-en-Provence. Mr. Reyes says that there should be no direct communication between Mr. Edelstein and Mr. Anding. Mr. Reyes says that Mr. Edelstein must send the information to Ms. Paz and that Ms. Paz should send the information to Mr. Anding. Ms. Paz reminds everyone not to reply all as doing so is a violation of the Sunshine Law. Mr. Anding said that the group should widen the scope to international affairs and international relations, instead of just focusing on the Sister Cities. Mr. Anding suggests that the by-laws or charter be changed. Ms. Rendeiro informs Mr. Anding that the City is doing so through the Sustainability office. The group informed Mr. Anding that the IACC has been moving past the Sister Cities aspect slowly.

#### GRANADA, SPAIN:

Mr. Reyes had nothing new to report.

#### CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA:

Ms. Cuzán said that she met with Mayor Cason the week previous and discussed the projects that should be done. She says the Mayor suggested that each liaison should send a letter to their respective consulates, chambers, and mayors for their cities. Ms. Cuzan suggests that the IACC participate in rotations in the Farmers Market; she also says that Mayor is planning on going to Cartagena sometime soon, but that it will need to wait until after the elections in Cartagena. Ms. Cuzan says that they are planning a well-organized Sister City mission after October, and that she is working with Emilio Callejo to make it a reality. The group discusses what they ought to do for the Farmer's Market. Ms. Rendeiro says that the Kiwanis Club is now Kiwanis International and is a partner for the IACC. Ms. Rendeiro puts in a request to the International Affairs Foundation to sponsor an event in March.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The group voted on the Chair at Large position and to include the election of the Chairperson and the Vice-chair for the new term. The group chooses Enrique Monasterio as the Chair at Large position and the vote is unanimous to keep Ms. Rendeiro as Chairperson and Mr. Edelstein as vice-chair for the new term. Ms. Rendeiro advises about upcoming events. The Sister Cities program will be visiting Cuba. The next Sister Cities Conference will be held in Washington, DC; however, Ms. Rendeiro said that if the program continues to excel as it has, the conference may come to Coral Gables in 2018. Ms. Rendeiro says that Deputy Consul General "Bruno" of Brazil will be speaking to Mayor Cason to complete the process of making Curitiba an official Sister City. Ms. Rendeiro will also finish the Quebec Sister City process soon with Mr. Trowbridge. Ms. Rendeiro would like to take Curitiba. The group re-arranges the appointments.

Mr. Edelstein requested Quebec. The group discusses how best to arrange for letterhead. They discuss whether they should each have a separate letterhead.

Announcement:

The next meeting is scheduled for August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Paz

Secretary, International Affairs Coordinating Council