

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

Minutes of the Meeting of April 28, 2015

Members:	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Commissioners
Carolina Rendeiro	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	X	P	E	E	Comm. Patricia Keon
Nancy Sanabria	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	X	P	P	P	Comm. Vince Lago
Steve Edelstein	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	X	P	P	P	Vice-Mayor William H. Kerdyk
Lourdes Cuzan	P	E	P	E	P	E	P	P	X	E	P	P	Mayor Jim Cason
Israel Reyes	E	E	P	E	-	-	-	P	X	E	P	P	Comm. Frank Quesada
Art DeNunzio	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	X	P	P	P	Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark, City Manager
Paul Posnak	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	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:

The minutes were approved by Nancy Sanabria at 8:41a.m and seconded by Paul Posnak.

ANTIGUA, GUATEMALA:

Ms. Sanabria said that the book launch for Vida Amor de Paz was a huge success. Ms. De Paz wrote a few articles on her experience with the City Beautiful, and Ms. Sanabria brought copies for the group and passed them out.

Ms. Sanabria received an email from the Mayor’s Intern to speak to Southcom for the shipment of the trucks. She says that the water truck needed a lot of repairs in excess of several thousand dollars. Mr. Edelstein says he is the person to speak to with regard to the IACC Foundation involvement in the shipment of the trucks. Ms. Rendeiro suggests they photograph the donations for submission to the Sister City awards.

PAVIA, ITALY:

Mr. DeNunzio says that he has not been able to really engage the Mayor's office in Pavia, but that he is happy that the Mayor will be visiting the city and that he would be visiting himself sometime in September.

AIX-EN-PROVENCE, FRANCE:

Mr. Edelstein said that Aix-en-Provence would be having an event with its sister city Morocco, but that was all that's new. Mr. Posnak says that Aix festivals are wonderful, and that he has performed there.

International Festival:

Mr. Posnak says the Miracle Theater would be a good idea for the International Festival; he says it had not occurred to him before, but he is reminded it was suggested before. He says that the proposal and budget is tweakable, but nonetheless includes the cost of bringing the artists.

Additional Information:

Ms. Rendeiro says that there is only one signature remaining before Curitiba is officially a sister city. She will be having an informal dinner with a representative of Quebec on May 15th. The Canadian consul's son died and another son was arrested, and the office has been closed as a result.

Mr. Posnak says that he wishes to request a travel grant from the foundation to perform as a concert pianist; Mr. Edelstein says everyone at the IACC must agree, and that the Mayor then would have to approve the grant request. The group agrees that the idea is alright, but it needs to be placed on the agenda. Mr. Posnak asks Ms. Paz to reach out to Ms. Cuzan about the dancers and the Miracle Theater.

Announcement:

The next meeting is scheduled for June 16th, 2015.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Paz

Secretary, International Affairs Coordinating Council