

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

Minutes of the Meeting of March 16th, 2010

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

Ex Officio:

Deirdre Nero, Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce / Vice Chair, Int'l. Division Committee

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

Staff in Attendance:

Evelyn Paz, Secretary, IACC

Guests:

George Neary, Chairman – City of Miami Beach Sister Cities International

Meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. A quorum was present.

The Chair opened the session by welcoming everyone and thanked all visitors for attending.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There being no changes to the minutes of the February 16th, 2010 meeting, Mr. DeNunzio made a motion to approve them, seconded by Ms. DeWitt.

Ms. Rendeiro announced that Commissioner Cabrera would be appointing a member to the IACC board to replace Mr. Sylvester Lukis.

VISIT BY GRANADA'S MAYOR JOSE TORRES HURTADO:

Ms. Rendeiro informed that Mayor Hurtado is not pleased with given dates, and would prefer to visit in late December. Ms. Rendeiro stated she will contact the travel agency to reconfirm that the complimentary business class ticket for two on Air Europe from Madrid to Miami would still be honored. The board members all agreed that numerous attempts have been made for several

years to receive Mayor Hurtado, so the Palma Grande statue would properly be recognized. Ms. Rendeiro and Ms. Paz will keep the board updated.

AIX-EN-PROVENCE MISSION:

Ms. Rendeiro reported on the Mission with the Chamber of Commerce and the Beacon Council and stated that registration is open to anyone wishing to attend. Ms. Rendeiro confirms they have meetings planned for Paris, Lyon, Nice and Ax-en-Provence. Ms. Rendeiro recognized that board member Allan Rosenbaum and his wife will be attending. Ms. Rendeiro mentioned the total number of participants being fourteen, and went on to mention the mission for the following year would be to Monaco.

ARCHITECTURE AND ARTS:

Mr. DeNunzio informed on the Pisa AD 1064 exhibit, stated it was a great success, and informed on the agreement which was established to donate the statue of the "Madonna with Child" which will be located at the Coral Gables Museum.

QUITO, ECUADOR SISTER CITY:

Ms. Paz informs on a previous letter which was received from Quito on January 29th, 2010. The letter stated they were under new leadership and asks that we strengthen our Sister Cities relationship. Ms. Paz announced that on March 12th, 2010, an email was received, which stated plans were being discussed to have someone from Quito visit Coral Gables.

BOYS CHOIR OF MONACO:

Mr. Rosenbaum informed the board he has been closely working Vice-Consul General Tomas Abreu, and the cultural exchange with the "Boys Choir of Monaco." Overall discussion occurred regarding this news.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Rendeiro introduced George Neary, Director of Cultural Tourism at the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, Mr. Neary is looking for support from the IACC to guide him in operating a successful International program, and wishes to improve and build the Beaches' Sister Cities program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Rendeiro announced that Commissioner Cabrera would be appointing a new member to the IACC board to replace Mr. Sylvester Lukis.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Paz

Secretary, International Affairs Coordinating Council