

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
International Affairs Coordinating Council (IACC)
Sister Cities Committee

Workshop Zoom Meeting of November 16, 2020

SUMMARY:

Chairwoman, Ms. Lourdes Cuzàn called the “Workshop” meeting via zoom to order at 3:05 p.m. A quorum was not achieved due to lack of physical presence. Additionally, no decisions were made during this workshop; however, several discussions were initiated.

- It was reported that the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce (GMCC) Consular and Trade Representatives Committee in collaboration with the Consular Corps of Miami hosted a virtual meeting on November 12th to introduce and give a warm welcome to Mr. Marcus Boyle, new Regional Director, US Department of State, Office of Foreign Missions and Mr. Jonathan Ward, new Executive Director, International Trade Consortium (ITC). The Committee would like to establish a closer relationship with them.
- A new initiative was discussed to build a relationship with the Consular Corps in order to develop webinars of mutual interest with Julian Perez, the Director of Economic Development for Coral Gables to include the Coral Gables Information Technology department.
- Mr. Gavarrete inquired on the status of the shipment of the ambulance to Santa Tecla, El Salvador. Mayor is working to obtain the funds for transport.
- Ms. Kadragic reported on a potential partnership with Sopot, Poland.
- Deirdre Nero, who represents the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce (CGCC) extended an invitation to the members to her webinar on November 19, 2020.

Guests:

Leticia Perez, Coral Gables Economic Development Department
Deirdre Nero, Vice Chair, Global Affairs Business Committee, Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce

Respectfully submitted,
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