

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

Minutes of the Meeting of November 16, 2010

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

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

Staff in Attendance:

Evelyn Paz, Secretary, IACC

Guests:

Ana Fournaris – Prudential Realtor

Meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. A quorum was present.

Carolina Rendeiro opened the session by welcoming everyone and thanked all for attending. She also asked everyone to state their names and mentioned there was a guest, Ana Fournaris. Each member stated their name and position.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Paul Posnak to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 21st, 2010 because the meetings in October were not held due to the presence of the Macedonian delegation. Art DeNunzio seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

CASA DE MUSICA IN QUITO - DISCUSSION BY PAUL POSNAK

He begins to discuss the Casa de Musica. He mentions Gustavo Lovazo is their general director. He also mentions their website that displays their concert hall, various the programs and cultural internships. He refers to its beauty and compares it to the Concert Hall in New York. He says he wrote back to Mr. Lovazo, and read the email correspondence between he and Mr. Lovazo regarding the proposal to have some sort of interaction or visitation with La Casa de Musica. He mentioned the concern regarding a budget and asked for suggestions. Carolina mentions a change of government in Quito, as it is unsettled, and mentions they are trying to redevelop their relationship with this Sister City. She mentions an "Alan" as a point of contact. Mr. Posnak mentions the beautiful events the recital hall conducts, but mentions the events are few and far between. Ms. Dewitt mentions that Quito is a small city and once again mentions the budgeting issue.

AIX-EN-PROVENCE – DISCUSSION BY STEVE EDELSTEIN

He mentions that he will be arriving on the 24th of November around 2 pm. He also mentions he will be picked up at the airport by someone from the city offices. He wrote to Michéle Couëtmeur regarding getting to and from the airport, but she did not respond. The people from the Jumelles Sister City organization are tied up in an event, but someone else will pick him up. He mentions that he will meet with the Mayor later this week, regarding the gifts he will be taking. He also received a separate communication from Catherine Modesty indicating they were excited for his arrival. He also mentions his suggestion regarding a separate event for her hard work. However, the specifications of the “event” have not been established. He suggested the new museum or the French venue on 8th street. Ms. Dewitt asked Steve if he has communicated his visit to the French Council General. He answered in the affirmative and that he attended many of the “French Week” events. He mentions that the Modesty’s are no longer involved in Jumelles. He says he will be meeting with Régine Deltombe when he arrives in Aix, as well. The committee speaks of the “festival” and the ownership of the “name” and the budget for the festival and obtaining sponsorship money. Carolina mentions though she’d like to see the festival happen, it does not seem like a realistic idea because of the current economic situation. She strongly opines that someone will need to sponsor the event and therefore the sponsor’s name will most likely be used to name the festival. The group goes back and forth about the name of the festival. Carolina says Evelyn will set up a meeting with the Mayor to discuss the details.

FINAL COMMENTS

Carolina Rendeiro mentions that the Coral Gables Chamber will be going to Guatemala and Panama as their outbound mission this year, visiting Guatemala City and our Sister City of Antigua, and encouraged our IACC members to participate in this mission. Though it is not a sister city, Panama, is an economic engine and it will be a good business opportunity. This trip will also be attended by the Chamber of Commerce. She moves on to discuss the following: moving the next IACC meeting to January 18th. Ms. Dewitt speaks about the Macedonian Delegation and suggests some sort of guidelines for future requests when a delegation comes to our city because it was “madness” this last time around and was not properly organized. She suggests taking them to places that “mean” something to them and relate to the things they are interested in. The group suggests constructing a template with specific interests to present to the visitors. Carolina states The Tree lighting ceremony is on December 3rd from 7:00 pm -7:15 pm and suggests showing support to the City by attending the event.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:03 am.

Members converse and make minimal announcements.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Paz

Secretary, International Affairs Coordinating Council