

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

**Minutes of the Meeting of April 28, 2009**

<b>Members:</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Commissioners:</b>
Stephen McGaughey	P	P	X	P	X	P	A	X	P	P	P	P	Comm. Maria Anderson
Michelle Moskowitz	P	P	X	P	P	E	P	X	P	P	P	P	Comm. Ralph Cabrera Jr.
Ray Airan	P	A	X	P	P	P	P	X	P	P	P	P	Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk Jr.
John Carpenter	P	P	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	P	P	Mayor Don Slesnick
Luba DeWitt	P	P	X	P	P	P	P	X	P	P	P	P	Comm. Wayne "Chip" Withers
Art DeNunzio	P	P	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	P	P	David L. Brown, City Manager
Carolina Rendeiro	P	P	X	E	E	E	E	X	P	P	P	P	Council-at-Large Appointment

**EX- OFFICIO:**

Ricardo Taño, Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce/Vice Chair, International Affairs Committee

**GUESTS:**

Steven Edelstein Esq., France Florida Foundation for the Arts  
Valentino Macor, French-American Chamber of Commerce of Florida

**STAFF:**

Jessica Wotherspoon, Development Department

Chair Carolina Rendeiro called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum was present.

Ms. Rendeiro had heard from John Carpenter so he was marked as excused absent.

**Old Business**

Motion was made by Mr. Airan, and seconded by Art DeNunzio to approve the March 17, 2009 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion occurred on the status of the Granada dedication ceremony in Coral Gables. Ms. Rendeiro stated that the Mayor has requested that the IACC to move forward with the planning of this event and that a letter will be going out from the Mayor's Office soon referencing this. It was also mentioned that Granada's Mayor will likely visit Coral Gables this coming fall and this visit may be an appropriate time for the dedication ceremony to take place.

Discussion occurred regarding a possible upcoming IACC Sister City visit to Aix-en-Provence in early 2010, and that Mayor Slesnick would like Former Mayor Raul des-Fauli to lead the mission.

Discussion occurred regarding which Board members would like to be in charge of which Sister Cities. Although it was noted that some designations may change with the new term appointments, the following is what was agreed to during this meeting:

Aix-en-Provence → Luba DeWitt (with Mr. Steve Edelstein)

Cartagena → John Carpenter

Granada → Carolina Rendeiro (Ms. Rendiero was also interested in Cartagena)

La Antigua → Stephen McGaughey

Pisa → Art DeNunzio

Quito → (Ms. DeWitt said she recently met Mr. Philip Baker who may be someone to consider as a liaison designation as he is well connected with the government in Quito)

Ms. Rendeiro asked each Board member, who selected a Sister City to liaison with, to come up with what they would like to see done as an outreach goal for the next term with their respective Sister City. She asked the members to be prepared to speak about their respective goals at the May meeting.

Discussion occurred summarizing the recent Americas Linkage trip to Bogota, Barranquilla, and Cartagena, Colombia.

### **New Business**

Brief discussion occurred regarding the recent local Sister Cities Summit. As both the Mayor and Ms. Rendeiro could not attend, a question was raised as to whether anyone from the City attended. It was noted that this year's Annual Sister City Conference will be held in Dublin, Ireland.

Discussion occurred regard upcoming events for the international community in Miami.

Discussion occurred regarding the upcoming Sister City visit from La Antigua, Guatemala that is scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in Coral Gables. While details of the planned visit were not entirely known, it was believe that this visit was less a La Antigua Sister City driven initiative and more a result of reciprocation for Vice Mayor Kerdyk's 2009 visit to La Antigua. This belief was furthered by the awareness that it will be La Antigua's Mayor and Commissioners who will be visiting.

The Board members present unanimously confirmed the next meeting date of Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 2009 as the last meeting date of the current term.

With no further business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Wotherspoon, Development Department