

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

Minutes of the Meeting of April 29, 2010

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

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

The Vice Chair opened the session by welcoming everyone and thanked all for attending. Also advised on the absences of Chair Carolina Rendeiro and Allan Rosenbaum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

VISIT BY GRANADA'S MAYOR JOSE TORRES HURTADO:

Mr. Edelstein informed that Mayor Hurtado expressed a change on the travel dates, and sent Mayor Slesnick dates which were not suitable. New dates would be provide by Mayor Slesnick to Mayor Hurtado. Once the date is agreed and the flight confirmed then Ms. Paz, will advise board members. Ms. Dewitt requested that this item not appear on the agenda until an agreement was met between Mayors. All members agreed.

AIX-EN-PROVENCE MISSION:

Ms. Nero informed on the Mission with the Chamber of Commerce and the Beacon Council and stated that the trip was canceled due to the volcano eruption in Iceland which caused flights to be canceled due to the dust and smoke in the skies. Ms. Nero stated the trip would be rescheduled for later this year.

QUITO, ECUADOR SISTER CITY:

Mr. Edelstein informed that Mayor Slesnick met with representative Eduardo Dousdebés Correa, Secretary of Productive Development for Quito, Ecuador. The meeting took place at City Hall in the Mayor's office on April 8th, 2010. Mr. Dousdebés Correa confirms Quito is under new leadership, and he has been directed to over see the Sister Cities relationship. Over all discussion occurred regarding this news.

CARTAGENA PLAZA SCULPTURE:

Mr. Edelstein informed that the artist of the sculpture passed away many years ago, and the Mayor's office in Cartagena was working to find another artist familiar with the sculpture to aid in its repairs. Any updates would be handled by Ms. Paz.

CONSULS GENERALS RECEPTION:

Mr. Edelstein reported on the City's 9th Annual reception which has been generously underwritten by two local businesses. This reception will take place sometime in May, and is by invitation only.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Edelstein introduced, Ms. Nancy Sanabria, a new IACC board member appointed by Commissioner Cabrera to replace former member Sylvester Lukis. Self introductions went around the table and all welcomed Ms. Sanabria.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Edelstein announced that our next IACC board meeting would be on the scheduled date of May 18, 2010.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Paz

Secretary, International Affairs Coordinating Council