

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

**Minutes of the Meeting of March 24, 2014**

<b>Members:</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Commissioners</b>
Carolina Rendeiro	P	-	P										Comm. Patricia Keon
Nancy Sanabria	P	-	P										Comm. Vince Lago
Steve Edelstein	P	-	P										Vice-Mayor William H. Kerdyk
Lourdes Cuzan	P	-	E										Mayor Jim Cason
David Duckenfield	P	-	P										Comm. Frank Quesada
Art DeNunzio	P	-	P										Patrick Salerno, City Manager
Paul Posnak	P	-	E										Council-at-Large Appointment

**Business Affiliation:**

Frances Reaves

Chamber of Commerce liaison

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

**Staff in Attendance:**

Evelyn Paz, Secretary, IACC

**Guest:**

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Chairperson Ms. Rendeiro called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Mr. DeNunzio to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 21, 2014. Ms. Sanabria seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ANTIGUA, GUATEMALA:**

Ms. Sanabria advised that she would travel on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> on an organized tour for eight days to Antigua, Guatemala. She would be going on a small tour with friends and a small language group from California to make sure that she represents her sister cities, and meet with the interim mayor. She is taking a letter and gifts from Mayor Cason on her trip to give them to Mayor Ruiz of sister city, Antigua. She has been working with Dunia Miranda, Trade Commissioner, about a documentary named "La Camioneta". She gives a summary about the documentary to the board and informs they presented it to the Coral Gables Art Cinema and are waiting to hear back from Mr. Rosenberg, about it. She would like the director of "La Camioneta" Mr. Mark Kendall to come speak at the cinema as well. She will keep the members informed.

**PAVIA, ITALY:**

Mr. DeNunzio says nothing to updates on Pavia.

#### AIX-EN-PROVENCE:

Mr. Edelstein says he doesn't have much news to say, but he says that the mayor told him to translate a letter in French and create a response in French.

#### ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Mr. DeNunzio brings up the issue with the Museum concerning Sister Cities and suggests that there be a set of rules on the books about what ought to be done. Ms. Rendeiro replies that a lot of what should be going to the Sister Cities is going to the museum under "false pretenses". Ms. Rendeiro requests to have the city attorney attend the next meeting. Discussion occurs amongst members.

Mr. Edelstein informs on the Coral Gables International Affairs Foundation, working on the 501c3 and has commitments from 10 companies which have agreed to give \$5000. Mr. Edelstein mentions he met with AGAVE Holdings which is a part Jose Cuervo Tequila of Tequila, Mexico, who is interested in being a Sister City with Coral Gables, and same was denied. However, he offered a Friendship City as a possibility, which AGAVE Holdings was excited. Mr. Edelstein goes on to say that Tequila, Mexico wants to redo the town coming from private funding coming from AGAVE Holdings and others. Tequila wants to renovate the city.

The members discussed attendance policies and the procedures for cancellation.

The group discussed the time of the meetings as the group is having a hard time getting a recorder at 8a.m. Ms. Cuzan, who was absent, is one of the members who moved the meetings from 9am to 8am and Mr. Edelstein said he thought she ought to be present when they voted on moving the meetings again. The next meeting is to be held at 8:30 a.m. and the next meeting will finalize what time they are to be held.

Ms. Rendeiro informs The Sister Cities awards are to be given in April; she would like for Ms. Sanabria to put in here trip to Guatemala and discuss her goals.

Ms. Rendeiro relays the new on The National Conference, coming up in July in San Jose, California; bringing starter companies from other countries to speak about sustainability, to speak about how the government has impacted their progress and work, and how diplomacy can help. The Conference is from July 28 through August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. Anyone can sponsor students for \$450.00 to attend Stanford for the Conference. The sponsorship is all-inclusive. Early bird registration ends either March 31<sup>st</sup> or April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

#### Announcement:

Mr. Duckenfield may have to step down from the Board because he is accepting Deputy Assistant Secretary over the United States. He was going to be briefed about it in the days following. He will be up in Washington, D.C.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2014.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Paz

Secretary, International Affairs Coordinating Council