

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

**Minutes of the Meeting of December 17, 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	E	X	P	P	P	P	P	P	X	P	E	E	Comm. Patricia Keon
Nancy Sanabria	P	X	P	P	P	P	P	P	X	P	P	P	Comm. Vince Lago
Steve Edelstein	P	X	P	P	P	P	P	E	X	P	P	P	Vice-Mayor William H. Kerdyk
Lourdes Cuzan	P	X	E	P	P	E	P	P	X	E	P	P	Mayor Jim Cason
Israel Reyes	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	X	E	P	P	Comm. Frank Quesada
Art DeNunzio	P	X	P	P	P	E	P	P	X	P	P	P	Patrick Salerno, City Manager
Paul Posnak	P	X	E	E	P	P	E	P	X	E	P	E	Council-at-Large Appointment

**Business Affiliation:**

Eric P. Gros-Dubois = A

Chamber of Commerce liaison

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

**Staff in Attendance:**

Evelyn Paz, Secretary, IACC

**Guest:**

Valerie Sutter, Enrique Monasterio, Claudio Pastor, Emilio Calleja

In the absence of Chairperson, Ms. Rendeiro, Vice-Chairman Mr. Edelstein called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Mr. Reyes to approve the minutes of November 18th, 2014. Ms. Cuzan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ANTIGUA, GUATEMALA:**

Ms. Sanabria says Ms. Vida Amor De Paz will be producing her show, "The Best Well Kept Secrets" with featured guest, Mayor Cason in Coral Gables at several venues throughout the City this January 17-18th. Ms. Sanabria says that Vida will feature one or two local Artists on the show as well and the City of Coral Gables will have a copy of the show to utilize on the website and/or for marketing purposes.

#### PAVIA, ITALY:

Mr. DeNunzio has nothing to report, other than he is planning to go to Italy in the spring; it will likely be March or April.

#### AIX-EN-PROVENCE, FRANCE:

Mr. Edelstein informs that he spoke briefly with Mayor Cason about his trip to Aix. He says the Mayor will attend the February meeting to discuss his trip and ideas brought up at the Aix meeting and how they would like more involvement with the City of Coral Gables.

#### CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA:

Ms. Cuzan says there is a lot of interest in Cartagena. She says that they are working on a program for the international festival; working the details on airfare and funds. Mr. Emilio Calleja contacted Ms. Cuzan at Commissioner Lago's suggestion because he has an interest in promoting an art exhibit in Cartagena for the following year.

#### GRANADA, SPAIN

Mr. Reyes has set up a lunch meeting with Javier Parvadae, Deputy General Counsel here in Miami for Spain. He says he will discuss how we can strengthen ties with Granada, Spain.

#### Additional Information:

Mr. Calleja passes out some documents from Cartagena. He has lived since 1990 in Miami-Dade County. He lives very close to the Cartagena Plaza. Mr. Calleja is a promoter. He has done Cuba Nostalgia, and Meryll Lynch Las Americas. Mr. Calleja says he's a collector, and he owns a lot of galleries. He's always wanted to go to Cartagena; he was able to go to Cartagena because a magazine sponsored him. He was able to attend the fairs, museums, cocktails, and happy hours. Mr. Calleja thought after Art Basal came by, that it would be a good idea to have an art interaction between Cartagena and Coral Gables. He has already spoken to the Mayor and Commissioner Lago about it. Mr. Calleja says the trip would be January 8<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>, and he believes that some of the group should go. Mr. Calleja says we should have an exhibit of young, contemporary Columbian artists here. He wants to take Columbian American artists to Columbia in 2016, but he wants to lay the groundwork this year by going to Cartagena in January. Ms. Cuzan says that Cartagena really turns into an international city in January. Ms. Cuzan asks who from the group would be able to go. Mr. Calleja says the airfare would likely be \$500-\$600, and that hotels vary a lot.

Mr. DeNunzio wants to open up for discussion a Skype educational program. He wants to coordinate with a sister city's education system, and our own. Mr. Edelstein says this was a good starting point. Mr. DeNunzio says that the idea is for all the cities.

The group agreed to discuss Ms. Aida's request for support at the next meeting.

Ms. Cuzan informs the group that Mr. Pastor was very successful at his fundraising effort, and that there is a lot of support for the Italian community.

Announcement:

The next meeting is scheduled for January 20th, 2015.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Paz

Secretary, International Affairs Coordinating Council