

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

**Minutes of the Meeting of January 20, 2015**

<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:**

Enrique Monasterio, Marina Foglia, Yaneris Figueroa

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 Ms. Sanabria to approve the minutes of December 17, 2014. Ms. Cuzan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ANTIGUA, GUATEMALA:**

Ms. Sanabria says that the taping with the Mayor and Vida Amor de Paz went well and the production of “The Best Well Kept Secrets” was fabulous. Ms. Sanabria thanks Ms. Paz for her assistance scheduling the Mayor. Ms. Sanabria informs that the Fire Truck donations to La Antigua, Guatemala have been approved for donation and our two fire departments have discussed the need and agree they are needed and will be properly housed. Ms. Sanabria says that the Guatemalan honorary consul is refurbishing the water truck with more powerful pump to connect to hook and ladder truck that has small reservoir capacity so the two trucks are paired and will be shipped via the Denton Program.

#### PAVIA, ITALY:

Mr. DeNunzio had nothing to report.

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

Mr. Edelstein had nothing to report.

#### CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA:

Ms. Cuzan says that artist Hernán Caro would like to donate a sculpture to be in Coral Gables by March 2015, the Foundation would be asked for funding. He is also donating a sculpture in Cartagena. Ms. Cuzan says that the statute would be about 800lbs and that she thinks it should be located at the traffic circle on Segovia and Biltmore Way. Ms. Cuzan says that the statute needs to be approved by the cultural board. She asked for the Board's go-ahead to ask the cultural board so that it could be brought up in the commission meeting. Mr. Edelstein recommends that the statute be placed someplace where there is an impediment of solid mass so that the sculpture is not damaged by cars crashing into it. Mr. Edelstein says that it is better to get money from the City instead of the Foundation. The cost of the project still needs to be determined according to Ms. Cuzan. Ms. Cuzan asks for a preliminary motion for a meeting with Ms. Birdsill, and the board unanimously agrees.

#### International Festival

Mr. Posnak contacted Ms. Baladi about airfare. Ms. Baladi said that she would likely be able to get the airfare. Mr. Posnak says that there will be a \$5000 fee for the artists, and that Ms. Baladi is also in contact with Ms. Cuzan. Mr. Posnak passed a budget proposal around. Mr. Posnak says he is expecting in kind donations. Mr. Posnak wants to have the residents house the artists. He says that the airfare is in place.

#### Additional Information:

Mr. Edelstein reads a letter that Ms. Rendeiro prepared that have the IACC mission statement for approval by the group. Ms. Foglia said that it's probably a good idea to send the letter to the consular corp, and Mr. Edelstein said that the letter would go out to every consul. Mr. DeNunzio asks if the Mayor or the City Attorney must sign on the letter. Mr. Edelstein says he does not think so. Mr. Posnak points out that the letter says "dignitaries", but that not everyone is a dignitary. Mr. Edelstein suggests that the word is actually more inclusive. The group discusses whether there was a limit on how many sister cities there can be. The group says that there is no limit on friendship cities and that sister cities are only limited by how many board members there are. Ms. Cuzan thinks that "dignitaries" is the correct word. The group thinks that it's important to add Ms. Rendeiro's title on the letter, and there are minor grammatical corrections. The group discusses the "purpose" sentence. Ms. Paz says that the corrections the IACC made would be given to Ms. Figueroa for her to correct. Ms. Paz said she was going to get ahold of Ms. Figueroa so that she could listen to the conversation about the IACC purpose. The group believes that the letter is too narrow. Ms. Figueroa says that she will approach Mr. Leen with the information that

the IACC would like to change, and that Mr. Edelstein would like to meet with the Mayor. Mr. Posnak says that the board has been working on the same issue for a long time, and that it should be completed. The group says that the revisions need to be sent to Ms. Paz.

Ms. Rendeiro letter says that she will be requesting to the foundation funding and sponsorship to bring the Leadership Meeting to Miami, in 2016 and to have the City and name noted as a supporting sponsor at the DC event. Mr. Edelstein asked Ms. Paz to find out some information, but there is uncertainty if it will be done.

Ms. Foglia wants to coordinate with the Department of Commerce, Chamber of Commerce, and the Mayor of an upcoming business conference. Ms. Foglia says that the Agave project should have a conference center instead of retail, but that the hotel and business sections of the project sounds perfect. Ms. Foglia says that the streetscape came from Aix-en-Provence. Ms. Foglia says that the representative from Aix should meet in February with the IACC for the streetscape project. Mr. Edelstein tells Ms. Foglia to let the IACC know what the IACC will need to do to assist with the conference in May, but that the IACC needed more information.

Mr. Edelstein suggests an interim meeting in two weeks or so; Ms. Paz was to find a date for the meeting.

Announcement:

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17th, 2015.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Paz

Secretary, International Affairs Coordinating Council