

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

Special Meeting of March 4, 2015

Members:	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Carolina Rendeiro	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	X	P	E	E
Nancy Sanabria	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	X	P	P	P
Steve Edelstein	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	X	P	P	P
Lourdes Cuzan	P	E	E	P	P	E	P	P	X	E	P	P
Israel Reyes	E	E	-	-	-	-	-	P	X	E	P	P
Art DeNunzio	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	X	P	P	P
Paul Posnak	P	P	E	E	P	P	E	P	X	E	P	E

Commissioners

Comm. Patricia Keon
Comm. Vince Lago
Vice-Mayor William H. Kerdyk
Mayor Jim Cason
Comm. Frank Quesada
Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark,
City Manager
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:

Ms. Rendeiro, Chairwoman, called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. A quorum was present.

ANTIGUA, GUATEMALA:

Ms. Sanabria says that Antigua is getting the fire trucks that were donated by the City to the Foundation; she says that Ms. Del Rey will provide resources for transportation and painting the water truck. Ms. Sanabria says that Vida Amor de Paz will be in the City for her book launch on Saturday, March 28th. Ms. Rendeiro says that Ms. Sanabria should get the word out to Mark Trowbridge at the Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Sanabria says Emilio Calleja was in the City of Coral Gables and met with the IACC and the Mayor to talk about the arts in Cartagena. Antigua is doing something with the arts, and Mr. Calleja is working on trying to set aside space to have artists come from Antigua and Cartagena.

PAVIA, ITALY:

Mr. DeNunzio repeats that the Mayor of Pavia put out an invitation to our Mayor, but that the Mayor will be taking that trip later in the year. Mr. DeNunzio says that there may be a new

consul general for Italy this year. Ms. Rendeiro says that in DC, Pavia is a sister city to Coral Gables.

AIX-EN-PROVENCE, FRANCE:

Mr. Edelstein says that Mayor Cason went to Aix-en-Provence, and had reported on his trip at the last meeting.

Granada, Spain:

Mr. Reyes says that he has not been able to get in contact with the gentlemen he met at the lunch, Javier Navarro. Ms. Rendeiro informs that the consul general is going through cancer treatment, and informs that the Mayor has been in his position for longer than any other Sister Cities mayor. She suggests that Mr. Reyes email his assistant to get in contact with him.

International Festival:

Mr. Posnak asks Ms. Rendeiro if she will be in attendance at the next meeting because the City Manager will be in attendance. Mr. Posnak says that Ms. Swanson-Rivenbark is interested in funding the festival. Ms. Rendeiro asks when the 90th anniversary of incorporating the city is. Ms. Rendeiro says that the IACC should show Ms. Swanson-Rivenbark what the members spend for the purposes of running the IACC. Mr. Posnak revisits the question on airfare. Mr. Posnak says that the proposal will request \$5000, and that the airfare will have to be taken care of otherwise. Mr. Posnak suggests home stays for the dancers. Mr. Posnak would like to have Columbian artwork displayed at the festival also. Mr. Posnak suggests having the presentation at the facilities for the Columbian consul. Mr. DeNunzio asks if the dancers could dance in an open air forum. Ms. Sanabria suggests that Mr. Calleja may be able to help with the festival. Mr. Edelstein suggests having the festival in May. For the next meeting with Chris Rupp, Mr. Edelstein suggests they nail down the days they can have with the museum for the month. Mr. Posnak suggests that it is best to have an art exhibit in the museum as well as in the consulate.

Additional Information:

Ms. Rendeiro had a meeting with the deputy consul of Brazil; Curitiba will approve Sister City paperwork at next commission meeting. Ms. Rendeiro says that she cannot meet with Mr. Posnak and the consul for Quebec until after May. The group needs to raise money to visit Quebec.

Ms. Rendeiro informs the group that the Mayor of Quito is interested in re-establishing itself as a sister city of Coral Gables. She says that having a sister city has more value than having a friendship city. She informs that when the new government comes in the new government can elect different cities and councilmembers. Ms. Rendeiro says that we are closer to sister cities, however, and sister cities are more likely to survive changing governments. She says it's her suggestion that there only be friendship cities that are considered potential sister cities.

Ms. Rendeiro puts up to a vote the annual sister cities gala in Washington, D.C. and the sponsorship she has been working toward. She wants to have the City of Coral Gables give toward the sponsorship; Ms. Rendeiro was able to get the leadership meeting to come to Miami, and she is trying to have the Sister Cities conference come for 2017. The group agrees to contribute. Mr. DeNunzio makes the motion, and it is quickly seconded by Ms. Sanabria.

The kick-off for Britweek Miami was at Tarpon Bend from 5:30-7:30pm. Ms. Rendeiro says that the Britto Bentley was been given to Mark Trowbridge of the city chamber of commerce for some time, and that she will have it on Friday March 13th. Ms. Rendeiro suggests the group goes to meet the new consul general of Great Britain.

Ms. Rendeiro says that she is termed out, but that Commissioner Keon can extend her term during her term. It will be up for decision at the next commission meeting. Ms. Rendeiro suggests that the board speak to their appointing commissioners because the continuity of the board is important.

Announcement:

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

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Paz

Secretary, International Affairs Coordinating Council