

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

Minutes of the Meeting of January 15, 2019

Members:	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Commissioners
Lourdes Cuzán	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Israel Reyes	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Vice Mayor Frank Quesada
Alma Kadragic	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Comm. Patricia Keon
Claudio Pastor	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Comm. Vince Lago
Volker Anding	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Comm. Michael Mena
Enrique Monasterio	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Peter Iglesias, City Manager
Rafael Gavarrete	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Council-at-Large Appointment

Country Appointed Liaisons:

Cartagena, Colombia – Ms. Cuzán
Aix-en-Provence, France – Mr. Anding
Antigua, Guatemala – Mr. Gavarrete
Santa Tecla, El Salvador – Mr. Monasterio
Quito, Ecuador – Mr. Reyes

A = Absent

P = Present

E = Excused

UA = Unexcused Absence

Staff in Attendance:

Beba Luzarraga, Secretary, IACC
Jessenia Monge-Fletes, Intern, Mayor's office

Guests:

Beatrice Rangel, Innovation Council
Leticia Perez, International Business, Coral Gables Economic Development Department

Chairwoman Lourdes Cuzán called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Committee members reviewed the minutes of the IACC meeting of December 18, 2018. Ms. Cuzán made a motion to approve the minutes. All in favor, the minutes were approved unanimously.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION:

Ms. Cuzán opened the meeting by greeting the members of the committee. Beatrice Rangel joined the meeting to present information from the Innovation Council.

AIX-EN-PROVENCE, FRANCE:

Mr. Anding discussed the correspondence regarding Smart Cities, which was sent by Raimundo Rodulfo, Director of Information Technology of City of Coral Gables. This document was forwarded to Jérôme Richard, Director of Aix-en-Provence ITD. Additionally, Mr. Anding sent the information to his counterpart in Aix-en-Provence who was a high ranking Executive at Airbus Industries in Toulouse, France.

LA ANTIGUA, GUATEMALA:

No new reports on La Antigua, Guatemala.

CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA:

No updates on Cartagena, Colombia. However, Ms. Cuzán reiterated the Coral Gables training session with the Fire Department for extrication training and education in February.

SANTA TECLA, EL SALVADOR:

Mr. Gavarrete updated the group on the playground shipment taking place. Public Works Department will assist with the shipping process. Ms. Cuzán stated there will be a visit to Santa, Tecla once the playground arrives for the park inauguration.

QUITO, ECUADOR:

No new reports on Quito, Ecuador.

SEVILLA, SPAIN:

Dr. Monasterio confirmed the visit to Sevilla, Spain on January 24 – 26, 2019. He and Ms. Cuzán will attend “Foro Global de Gobiernos Locales Ciudad Sevilla.” During this visit they will meet with Mayor Juan Espadas Cejas in order to sign an agreement of unity between cities which is already signed by Mayor Valdés-Fauli. Mr. Anding suggested taking information issued by Mr. Rodulfo of Coral Gables IT regarding Smart Cities. Ms. Cuzán stated they will be taking detailed materials provided to them by the Coral Gables Economic Development Department as well as the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce and University of Miami data.

NEW BUSINESS:

Claudio Pastor updated the members of the board on Como, Italy. He is awaiting a response from Cristiano Musillo, the Consul General.

Ms. Kadragic stated she will be reaching out to Aveiro, Portugal and San Isidro, Argentina in order to rebuild connections with both cities for consideration of adding a Sister City.

Dr. Monasterio volunteered to speak with Mayor Valdés-Fauli in regards to establishing a relationship with the city of Tequila, Jalisco in Mexico.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Ms. Beatrice Rangel presented information regarding the Innovation Council and the current accomplishments in the City of Coral Gables which is exploring new strategies to become a Smart City. She distributed a package with detailed information and statistics on the work of the Council.

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beba Luzarraga
Secretary, International Affairs Coordinating Council