

SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

2010 Annual Report

The attached report is submitted pursuant to s. 320-47 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.



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2010 ANNUAL REPORT

Purpose: (Per s. 320-47 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances)

The Sister Cities Committee is created to assist the City, through its Common Council, with the establishment and maintenance of sister city relationships in accordance with Sister Cities International regulations.

Members (for 2010)

CHAIR

Ald. Joe Davis., Sr.

MEMBERS

Leslie Silletti

(representative of Mayor Tom Barrett)

Alexander Durtka, Jr.

(representative of the International Institute of Wisconsin)

Charles Vang

(public member, appointed by Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr.)

Eric Gass

(representative of the Health Commissioner)

Staff

Ms. Joanna Polanco, Staff Assistant

Ms. Charlotte Rodriguez, Council File Specialist

Committee meeting held in 2010:

September 29, 2010

Accomplishments in 2010

On April 13, 2010, the Common Council adopted Resolution Number 090281 relating to application and acceptance of an Africa Urban Poverty Alleviation program grant from Sister Cities International. The 3-year project is funded by a \$7.5 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gats foundation to build capacity of organizations that work on the ground with the urban poor. Eighteen U.S. Cities and their African city pairings will perform projects to address sanitation, health and water issues in urban areas of Africa. The City of Milwaukee is paired with our Sister City the City of uMhlathuze, South Africa.

In June of 2010, the first quarterly Africa Urban Poverty Alleviation Program Activity Report is filed with Sister Cities International, included in this report as Exhibit B.

In July of 2010, Ald. Davis appeared at the 2010 Sister Cities International Annual Conference.

In September of 2010, the Sister Cities Committee moved not to move forward with a sister city relationship with Patiala, India, due to the lack of application submittal. Also in September the second quarterly Africa Urban Poverty Alleviation Program Activity Report is filed with Sister Cities International, included in this report as Exhibit C.

On October 10, 2010, the Common Council moved to place on file, File #071713 - substitute resolution establishing a friendly exchange leading to a sister city relationship between the City of Milwaukee and Patiala, India.

In 2010, the African American Chamber of Commerce (AACC) replaced the Metro Milwaukee Association of Commerce as the local sponsoring organization for the City of uMhlathuze, South Africa.

On October 5, 2010, a letter was sent to all the institutions participating in the Sister Cities program requesting them to submit their 2009 annual report to the Sister City Committee. One report had been received from volunteers of the Milwaukee-Carora Sister Cities Committee, included in this report as Exhibit A.