

SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE City of Milwaukee

2015 Annual Report

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



SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

2015 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 2015)

CHAIR

Ald. Joe Davis., Sr.

(Chair of the Community and Economic Development Committee)

MEMBERS

Leslie Silletti

(Representative of Mayor Tom Barrett, replaced by Oscar Tovar)

(Oscar Tovar)

(Representative of Mayor Tom Barrett replacing Leslie Silletti)

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, replaced by Tiffany Barta)

Tiffany Barta

(Representative of the Health Commissioner replacing Eric Gass)

Staff

Mr. Chris Lee, Staff Assistant

Amy Hefter, Legislative Liaison

Ms. Charlotte Rodriguez, Council File Specialist

Milwaukee Sister Cities Website

<http://city.milwaukee.gov/sistercities>

SISTER CITIES AND FRIENDLY EXCHANGES SUMMARY 2015

The City of Milwaukee currently has 6 (six) active sister city relationships with signed agreements:

- Bomet County, Kenya
- Carora, Venezuela
- Galway, Ireland
- Medan, Indonesia
- uMhlathuze, South Africa
- Zadar, Croatia

The City of Milwaukee had 2 (two) new sister city relationships established with signed agreements in 2015:

- Bomet County , Kenya
- Zadar, Croatia

The City of Milwaukee had no pending sister city relationships without a signed agreement and no sister city relationship renewals in 2015.

The City of Milwaukee has one expired sister city relationship with a signed agreement:

- Morogoro, Tanzania

The City of Milwaukee has no active or pending friendly exchange relationships in 2015.

The City of Milwaukee has one expired friendly exchange relationship:

- Ningbo, China

The City of Milwaukee received one letter of intent to establish either a sister city or friendly exchange relationship:

- Tarime, Tanzania

The tables below summarizes the City's current active sister city relationships, local sponsoring entities, and information.

Current Sister City Relationships								
Sister City	Local Sponsoring Organization	File Number Establishing Relationship	Council Final Action	Mayor Signed Resolution	Signed Sister City Relationship Agreement	Relationship Expiration	Sister City Relationship Renewal Deadline	Annual Report Deadline
Bomet County, Kenya (2015 - Present)	Pan-African Community Association, Inc.	141899	7/21/2015	7/30/2015	11/23/2015	11/23/2020	5/23/2019	8/29
Carora, Venezuela*	The Peace Education Project of Peace Action Wisconsin	131429*	3/4/2014	3/7/2014	3/24/2009	3/8/2019	9/8/2018	4/6
Galway, Ireland**	Irish Festivals, Inc.	131640*	5/13/2014	5/22/2014	8/15/2008	5/23/2019	11/23/2018	6/21
Medan, Indonesia (2014 - Present)	Pan-African Community Association, Inc.	140085	5/13/2014	5/22/2014	10/30/2014	10/30/2019	4/30/2018	6/21
uMhlathuze, South Africa* (2008 - Present)	Pan-African Community Association, Inc.	140008*	5/13/2014	5/22/2014	5/1/2008	5/23/2019	11/23/2018	6/21
Zadar, Croatia (2015 - Present)	Federation of Croatian Societies, Inc. of Milwaukee	140088	11/25/2014	11/25/2014	5/12/2015	5/12/2020	11/12/2019	12/25

*Sister city relationship renewed.

**This relationship was established prior to the creation of Chapter 335 Sister Cities, which was adopted October 24, 2006 and became effective November 10, 2006.

The table below summarizes the City's expired sister city relationships since the creation of Chapter 335 Sister Cities, which was adopted October 24, 2006 and became effective November 10, 2006.

Expired Sister City Relationships*								
Sister City	Local Sponsoring Organization	File Number Establishing Relationship	Council Final Action	Mayor Signed Resolution	Signed Sister City Relationship Agreement	Relationship Expiration	Sister City Relationship Renewal Deadline	Annual Report Deadline
Morogoro, Tanzania (2007 - 2012)	Hope in Tanzania Foundation	070043	5/8/2007	5/15/2007	8/3/2007	8/3/2012*	2/3/2012	6/14
*Since the creation of Chapter 335 Sister Cities, which was adopted October 24, 2006 and became effective November 10, 2006.								
*Chapter 335 Sister Cities established that sister city relationships shall expire after 5 years unless extended for another 5 years by council resolution. There was no resolution to extend the relationship.								

The table below summarizes the City's expired friendly exchange relationships since October 10, 2014 when Chapter 335 Sister Cities established that friendly exchange relationships shall expire after 5 years unless extended for another 5 years by council resolution.

Expired Friendly Exchange Relationships							
Friendly Exchange City	Local Sponsoring Organization	File Number Establishing Relationship	Council Final Action	Mayor Signed Resolution	Relationship Expiration	Friendly Exchange Relationship Renewal Deadline	Annual Report Deadline
Ningbo, China (2005 - 2014)		050754	9/27/2005	10/6/2005	10/10/2014*		11/5
*Chapter 335 Sister Cities, on October 10, 2014, established that friendly exchange relationships shall expire after 5 years unless extended for another 5 years by council resolution. There was no resolution to extend the relationship.							

Accomplishments and Activities in 2015

New Sister City Relationships

Zadar, Croatia

In 2015, the first of two new sister city relationships was officially established. The City of Zadar, Croatia can become the City of Milwaukee's fifth official active sister city with a signed agreement. The sister city relationship became official when City of Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and Consul General of the Republic of Croatia Dr. Jelena Grčić Polić, on behalf of City of Zadar Mayor Božidar Kalmeta, came together to sign a sister city relationship agreement in a **signing ceremony** at the Common Council Chambers of Milwaukee City Hall on **May 12, 2015**. Substitute resolution establishing a sister city relationship between the City of Milwaukee and the City of Zadar, Croatia (Common Council File Number 140088) was adopted by the Common Council and signed by Mayor Tom Barrett on November 25, 2014. The Sister Cities Committee approved the application and recommended approval to establish a sister city relationship with the City of Medan on November 3, 2014.

The Federation of Croatian Societies, Inc. of Milwaukee, led by Member Paul Lucas and President John Braovac, is the local sponsoring organization in the City of Milwaukee. The City of Zadar has three local organizations sponsoring the relationship: Association of Trades and Crafts Zadar (Udruzenje obrtnika Zadar), Zadar City Sports' Community (Sportska zajednica Grada Zadar), and Zadar Writers Association (Udgruga Zadarski Pisci).

The relationship is fully supported by the Croatian Consul General in Chicago, Dr. Jelena Grčić Polić. Her efforts have been vital in initiating, spearheading, and establishing the sister city relationship.

The sister city relationship with the City of Zadar is for five years with an expiration date of May 12, 2020. An annual report regarding this sister city relationship will be due December 25th of every year to the Sister Cities Committee.

Further details on the sister city relationship and activities between the City of Zadar and the City of Milwaukee can be found within Common Council File Numbers 140088.

County of Bomet, Kenya

In 2015, the second of two new sister city relationships was officially established. The County of Bomet, Kenya became the City of Milwaukee's sixth active sister city with a signed agreement. The sister city relationship became official when City of Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and County of Bomet Governor H.E. Hon Isaac Ruto came together to sign a sister city relationship agreement in a **signing ceremony** at the Common Council Chambers of Milwaukee City Hall on **November 23, 2015**. Substitute resolution

establishing a sister city relationship between the City of Milwaukee and the County of Bomet, Kenya (Common Council File Number 141899) was adopted by the Common Council on July 21, 2015 and signed by Mayor Tom Barrett on July 20, 2015. The Sister Cities Committee approved the application and recommended approval to establish a sister city relationship with the City of Medan on July 14, 2015.

The Pan-African Community Association (PACA), led by Kenyans in Milwaukee Inc. committee members Sam Jackoyo, Dr. Alice Kones, and David Mugun, is the local sponsoring organization in the City of Milwaukee. The Bomet Development Trust is the sponsoring organization in the County of Bomet managed by Bill Rutto.

The relationship is fully supported by the County Government of Bomet. Efforts by Kenyans in Milwaukee and the Bomet Development Trust have been vital in initiating, spearheading, and establishing the sister city relationship since interest in 2014.

The sister city relationship with the County of Bomet is for five years with an expiration date of November 23, 2020. An annual report regarding this sister city relationship will be due August 29th of every year to the Sister Cities Committee.

Further details on the sister city relationship and activities between the County of Bomet and the City of Milwaukee can be found within Common Council File Numbers 141899.

New Sister Cities Committee Membership

Tiffany Barta was appointed by the Health Department Commissioner to serve as a member on the committee, replacing Eric Gass, on **March 3, 2015**.

Oscar Tovar was appointed by the Mayor's Office to serve as a member on the committee, replacing Leslie Silletti, on **March 3, 2015**.

Sister Cities Committee meetings held in 2015:

- March 24, 2015
- April 10, 2015
- July 14, 2015

2015 Committee Meeting Highlights:

At the **March 24, 2015** meeting, the committee moved to extend a sister city application to the Pan-African Community Association as the local sponsoring organization regarding Bomet County, Kenya. The committee was given an update by Common Council President Ald. Michael Murphy of proceeding with a signing ceremony and Power of Attorney with Consul General of the Republic of Croatia Dr. Jelena Grčić Polić, on behalf of City of Zadar Mayor Božidar Kalmeta, to sign the agreement. The committee approved the 2014 Sister Cities Committee Annual Report.

At a special **April 10, 2015** meeting, the committee reviewed and approved the agreement to be used for the signing ceremony with the City of Zadar, Croatia. The committee also reviewed and approved the 2015 annual report from Peace Action Wisconsin regarding the sister city relationship with Carora, Venezuela.

At the **July 14, 2015** meeting, the committee reviewed and approved the sister city relationship application and draft resolution CCFN 141899 for the County of Bomet, Kenya. The committee also reviewed and approved the 2015 annual report from the Pan-African Community Association regarding the sister city relationship with uMhlathuze, South Africa.

Committee meeting minutes are attached as Exhibit A.

Annual Reports from Local Sponsors of Sister City Relationships in 2015

2015 Annual Reports were submitted and received for the following sister city relationships:

- Carora, Venezuela
- uMhlathuze, South Africa
- Zadar, Croatia

No 2015 Annual Reports were submitted and received for the following sister city relationships:

- Galway, Ireland
- Medan, Indonesia

No 2015 Annual Reports were due for the following sister city relationships:

- Bomet County, Kenya

Annual reports received are attached as Exhibit B.

Pending Interest for a Sister City Relationship or Friendly Exchange in 2015

- Tarime, Tanzania

A letter of intent was received from the Mosorec International Foundation on July 17, 2014 to establish a sister city relationship with Tarime, Tanzania. More information was requested and no meetings have been conducted yet to review the letter of intent.



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Meeting Minutes SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

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Tuesday, March 24, 2015

1:30 PM

Room 301-A, Third Floor, City Hall

Meeting convened at 1:38 p.m.

Present - Barta, Vang, Davis
Excused - Tovar, Durtka

Individual also present:

Amy Hefter, Legislative Reference Bureau

1. **Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes from November 3, 2014.**

Mr. Vang moved approval of the meeting minutes from November 3, 2014. There were no objections. Excused - Durtka, Tovar

2. [141721](#)

Communication relating to establishing a Friendly Exchange or Sister City Relationship with Bomet County, Kenya.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Representatives from Kenyans in Milwaukee appearing:

Alice Kones
David Mugun
Sammy Jackoyo
Stephen Kamuiru
Maureen Waoh
Gina Wanyee

The representatives from Kenyans in Milwaukee gave introductory remarks. Their group will be the committee under the nonprofit Pan-African Community Association (PACA) here in Milwaukee spearheading a sister city relationship with Bomet County. The group is small, has existed for two years, and is expanding. The group consists of Kenyan professionals and business people living in Milwaukee.

Committee members inquired as to the government structure in Kenya and Bomet County, the request for either a friendly exchange relationship or a sister city relationship, the benefits and exchanges from having a sister city relationship between Bomet County and Milwaukee, the health infrastructure in Bomet County, and funding in Bomet County for economic joint ventures.

Mr. Kamuiru and Ms. Kones responded. Bomet County and the other counties in

Kenya are the smallest governmental unit equating to municipal governments in the United States. Kenya previously had a government structure similar to the United States, but the new Kenyan government structure eliminated all municipal governments. All Kenyan municipalities are represented and governed by county governments. There are no more mayors, just governors. There are 47 total local county governments in Kenya. The exception is the City of Nairobi, which is governed by its own county government due to its large size.

The desire is to obtain a sister city relationship between Bomet County and Milwaukee.

The relationship can benefit both Bomet County and Milwaukee in many ways. Bomet County can benefit in terms of learning and emulating many aspects of Milwaukee: local government system, police training, sanitation, security training, health infrastructure, and water infrastructure. Also, Bomet County can become a market for Milwaukee produced goods, such as machinery. Milwaukee can benefit from importing agricultural produce and fruits from Bomet County. There can be a mutual benefit of educational exchange programs and doctor exchanges. There is currently a relationship with the Global Water Council with a water project in Bomet County. With a sister city relationship in place, both sides can start to learn more from each other and the opportunities that are available.

The health infrastructure in Bomet County is very young. Bomet County can learn from Milwaukee to improve its health infrastructure to deal with major issues and illnesses, such as the recent ebola virus. Milwaukee can learn about Bomet County's tropical setting and help improve the county's health infrastructure, which will also indirectly benefit Milwaukee citizens coming back home.

It is uncertain if the government of Bomet County has budgeted any money aside for joint ventures between businesses from both Bomet County and Milwaukee; however, discussions are taking place. There is a group that will travel to Bomet County soon to visit the government there and explore opportunities. Interest must be shown before the government does anything.

Ald. Davis said that it is important for the Kenyans in Milwaukee and PACA to be the gateway to help create joint ventures between businesses from both sides and assist in economic commerce from both sides. He is supportive of cultural ties and interested in long term economic growth for both sides. There should be local efforts to help Milwaukee businesses have access to areas in Bomet County to learn more about the county's market and economic opportunities. The City's Milwaukee 7, Health Department, and Global Water Council can export technologies and intellectual capital to Bomet County relative to economics, health, and water. Both sides can learn from each other. One example to engage the business community in the City is to perhaps have a business forum in the City with contracts available for infrastructure improvements in Bomet County.

Mr. Vang moved to extend a formal sister city application to PACA, as the local nonprofit organization, and the Kenyans in Milwaukee, as the local committee, to complete and submit back to the Sister Cities Committee. There were no objections. Excused - Durtka, Tovar

Ald. Davis said that a committee meeting will be scheduled again to review the application, once received. If the application is approved by the committee, it will then require approval from the Community and Economic Development Committee and Common Council. Subsequently, a sister city agreement signing ceremony where both the Mayor of Milwaukee and Governor of Bomet County signs an

agreement will have to occur before the relationship becomes official. Clerk staff will send out an application.

3. Update on the Sister City Relationship with Zadar, Croatia.

Ald. Murphy gave an update on behalf of Consul General Jelena Grcic Polic, who could not appear due to an illness. The City's Common Council approved the legislation for a sister city relationship between Zadar and Milwaukee last year on November 25, 2014 with him as the sponsor. The City of Zadar also approved for a sister city relationship recently on March 3, 2015.

Ald. Davis inquired as to the preference of Ald. Murphy concerning the signing ceremony.

Ald. Murphy replied that the preference and desire of the City of Zadar is to give authority for the consul general to sign a sister city agreement on behalf of the Mayor of Zadar.

On behalf of the consul general and City of Zadar, Ald. Murphy submitted to the committee a brochure, a sister city draft agreement in both English and Croatian, and a Power of Attorney giving the consul general authority to sign an agreement. These documents can be found within Common Council File Number 140088.

Ald. Davis said that the committee normally coordinates the ceremony and should be kept informed.

Ald. Murphy said that Power of Attorney should suffice federal standards. His office will work with the schedules of the consul general and the committee to organize an official signing date.

4. Review and Approval of the Sister Cities Committee 2014 Annual Report.

Ald. Davis said that there should be an evaluation process in place to measure benchmarks and the activeness of sister city relationships. Additionally, having a committee rather than an individual locally behind a sister city relationship is important; otherwise, a relationship can become inactive if that individual is no longer there.

Ms. Barta moved approval of the 2014 Sister Cities Committee annual report. There were no objections. Excused - Durtka, Tovar

5. New Business for Future Discussion.

No new business.

Ald. Davis announced the celebration of South African Freedom Day on May 1, 2015 at the Milwaukee Yacht Club. There will be a business forum with the Business Council, South African Consulate representatives, and keynote speaker Consul of Economic Affairs present.

6. Set Next Meeting Date and Time.

Next meeting date and time not set.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.
Chris Lee, Staff Assistant**



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Friday, April 10, 2015

10:00 AM

Room 301-A, Thrid Floor, City Hall

Special

Meeting convened at 10:00 a.m.

Present 5 - Davis, Durtka, Vang, Tovar, Barta

Individual also present:

Amy Hefter, Legislative Reference Bureau

1. Review and Approval of the Previous Minutes of March 24, 2015.

Mr. Tovar moved approval of the meeting minutes from March 24, 2015. There were no objections.

2. Review and Approval of the Sister City Agreement between Milwaukee and Zadar, Croatia.

Members were distributed original and revised draft agreements for review. The draft agreements can be found within Common Council File Number 140088.

Ald. Davis said that the original draft agreement was approved by the City of Zadar City Council but does not meet the City of Milwaukee's format. There have been some diplomatic issues, but a revised draft agreement is before the committee after approval from the City of Zadar. The revised version contains the same language of the original but is arranged in a format consistent with the City's standards.

Mr. Durtka moved approval of the revised draft agreement presented before the committee. There were no objections.

Ald. Davis announced that there will be a Sister Cities signing ceremony on Monday, May 1, 2015 at 10 a.m. in the City of Milwaukee City Hall Common Council Chambers. Mayor Tom Barrett from the City of Milwaukee and Consul General Jelena Grcic Polic, Ph.D., on behalf of Mayor Božidar Kalmeta, from the City of Zadar, Croatia, will sign the revised version of the sister city agreement, as approved by the committee and the City of Zadar.

3. Review and Approval of the 2015 Annual Report for the Sister City Relationship between Milwaukee and Carora, Venezuela.

Mr. Durtka moved approval of the 2015 annual report regarding the sister city relationship with Carora, Venezuela. There were no objections.

4. New Business for Future Discussion.

No new business.

5. Set Next Meeting Date and Time.

Next meeting date and time not set.

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Chris Lee, Staff Assistant



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Tuesday, July 14, 2015

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, Third Floor, City Hall

Meeting convened at 1:40 p.m.

Present 4 - Davis, Durtka, Tovar, Barta

Absent 1 - Vang

1. **Review and Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2015.**

Mr. Durtka moved approval, seconded by Mr. Tovar, of the meeting minutes from April 10, 2015. There were no objections.

2. [141721](#)

Communication relating to establishing a Friendly Exchange or Sister City Relationship with Bomet County, Kenya.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Individuals appearing:

Dr. Alice Kones, Kenyans in Milwaukee

David Mugun, Kenyans in Milwaukee

Isaac Kiprono Rutto, Governor of the County of Bomet, Kenya

Esther Rutto, First Lady

Dr. Stanley Kiplangat, County Executive Committee, Health

Robert Kipngeno Bett, Member of the County Assembly

Stephen Changmorik Kipngetch Koech, Member of the County Assembly

Robert Metet, Member of the County Assembly

Wesley Kipkemoi, Director, Resource Mobilization

Chepkemoi, Bomet Liaison

Dr. Kones and Governor Rutto introduced themselves and the Kenyan delegation at the table to the committee.

-Review of the Application for a Sister City Relationship between Bomet County, Kenya and the City of Milwaukee.

Ald. Davis said that the committee is to review the application before them and properly make a recommendation. If approved by the committee, the proposed sister city relationship can properly proceed to the Community and Economic Development (CED) Committee and the Common Council for review and possible adoption. Questions related to the government structure of Bomet County were addressed at the committee's previous meeting. The CED Committee is aware of the proposal, and Governor Rutto appeared at a CED Committee meeting yesterday.

Members reviewed the application submitted by Dr. Alice Kones of the Kenyans in Milwaukee committee within the Pan-African Community Association (PACA), which is the local nonprofit sponsoring organization. The application is contained within Common Council File Number 141721 and Common Council File Number 141899.

Mr. Durtka said that the application materials were impressive, but the contact information of the PACA board should be submitted and included in the application.

Ald. Davis said that the contact information of PACA should be sent to City Clerk Staff Assistant, Mr. Lee. He added that he was comfortable moving forward with the relationship and was impressed with the members of the governing committee and the by-laws of PACA and the Bomet Development Trust, the nonprofit sponsoring organization in Bomet County.

Mr. Durtka moved approval, seconded by Ms. Barta, of the application for a sister city relationship between the County of Bomet, Kenya and the City of Milwaukee, as presented. There were no objections. Mr. Vang was absent.

-Review of the Resolution Establishing a Sister City Relationship between the City of Milwaukee and Bomet County, Kenya

Members reviewed the resolution before them. The resolution is contained within Common Council File Number 141721 and 141899.

Mr. Durtka moved approval of the resolution, as presented. There were no objections. Mr. Vang was absent.

A motion was made by AI Durtka that this Communication be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Durtka, Davis, Tovar and Barta

No 0

Absent 1 - Vang

3. Review of Sister Cities Annual Reports.

-2015 Annual Report for uMhlathuze, South Africa

Individuals appearing:

Magugu Davis, Pan-African Community Association

Professor Johannes Britz, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee Vice Chancellor and Provost

Robin Busalacki, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

Ms. Davis gave a PowerPoint presentation and an overview of the annual report.

The focus of the sister city relationship between the City of uMhlathuze and Milwaukee has been regarding business growth, educational exchange, cultural exchange, best practices, and trade missions. There has been success with consistent communication between the two communities. PACA has hosted several events in Milwaukee, such as honoring South African Consul General Ms. Vuyiswa Tulelo in November 2014, South Africa Economic Consul Ms. Donna Maluleke in May 2015, and celebrating South Africa Freedom Day at the Milwaukee Yacht Club in May 2015. Ms. Davis had visited South Africa in December 2014. During her trip, she

met with the uMhlathuze Municipal Manager Dr. Sibeko. She also met with HOPE and saw its projects. HOPE is the nonprofit sponsoring organization in uMhlathuze. There is interest for an uMhlathuze delegation to visit Milwaukee in 2015, but the trip has been delayed due to the election of a new mayor in uMhlathuze.

Many opportunities exist going forward for the sister city relationship. Culturally through HOPE, South African women want to look for markets with their cultural projects. Economically, the country is interested in housing and industrial developments. uMhlathuze is interested in developing its land next to the Indian Ocean similarly to Milwaukee's Summerfest grounds. There is desire to launch in Milwaukee the Play Africa project, which is a project that opens museums for children to develop their skills and minds. There is also desire to implement a HOPE project that instills Christian and biblical principles to children. HOPE representatives are planning to visit Milwaukee.

The PowerPoint from Ms. Davis can be found within Common Council File Number 140008.

Mr. Britz said that there has been continuing educational exchanges for the sister city relationship between the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee (UWM) and South African Universities, the University of Pretoria and the University of Zululand. There is an agreement between UWM and the University of Zululand for educational exchange. Faculty and students from the University of Zululand has come to UWM for research projects and to finish their education, respectively. One of his students has enrolled to do project at the University of Zululand regarding electronic information and poverty. There has been joint projects and with the universities and the uMhlathuze government dealing with ethics of electronic government. He is originally from the City of Pretoria and plans to visit the University of Zululand this October.

Ms. Busalacki said that she was part of an educational exchange to South Africa in February 2015 and visited a preschool there that lacked resources, supplies, and equipment.

Members inquired about the University of Zululand with respect to the number of students and proximity to water, how long the sister city relationship has been in place, and specific businesses engaged to move the relationship forward economically?

Mr. Britz replied that the University of Zululand has about 10,000 students and is more inland than by the coast to the Indian Ocean.

Ald. Davis said that the sister city relationship first started in 2008 and was renewed for another five years in 2014. He added that opportunities can now start to occur in the second term of the relationship as opposed to the first term, which generally consists of determining possibilities.

Ms. Davis said that opportunities exist for construction and industrial development. Spancrete, a Waukesha company engaged in precast concrete building innovations, will be sending their first machine down to South Africa by August this year. Johnson Controls is another company that can become involved.

Members made comments. Cultural events, like the Holiday Folk Fair and an African World Festival, can help expose people to African Culture and benefit the sister city relationship. The Milwaukee Health Department can use the Christian and biblical project of HOPE to help children in the Milwaukee community. Economic

opportunities exist for water technology, which Milwaukee has.

Ms. Davis gave final comments. The sister city relationship has been important for past, current, and future exchanges. A big event in Milwaukee is doable but will require collaboration, planning, and funding.

Mr. Tovar moved approval, seconded by Mr. Durtka, of the 2015 annual report for the sister city relationship between the City of uMhlathuze, South Africa and Milwaukee. There were no objections. Mr. Vang was absent.

4. Old Business.

There was no old business.

5. New Business.

There was no new business.

6. Set Next Meeting Date and Time.

Staff is to schedule future meetings, as needed.

**Meeting adjourned at
Chris Lee, Staff Assistant**

Sister Cities Annual Report Milwaukee - Carora, 2015

2014 was an eventful year for the Milwaukee-Carora Sister Cities relationship. The events taking place within Venezuela as well as US-Venezuela relations at the federal level have demonstrated the vital role for local level engagement between our Sister Cities.

In 2015-2016, the Milwaukee-Carora Sister Cities Committee (MCSCC) will continue its focus on person-to-person cultural exchanges and wide-ranging educational activities in the Milwaukee area full the Sister Cities mission of “promot[ing] peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation — one individual, one community at a time.” This “citizen diplomacy” is particularly critical given the current political and economic volatility inside Venezuela, as well as the increasingly contentious relationship with the United States after the imposition of sanctions on Venezuelan government officials.

Over the previous year, the MCSCC spent significant time and resources planning and recruiting for the upcoming Sister Cities delegation scheduled for early 2015. This delegation, though well-planned, regrettably had to be postponed due to internal challenges in Venezuela that prevented our partners in Carora from fully completing the wide range of tasks necessary to conduct a successful person-to-person exchange at that time.

MCSCC continues to maintain close relationships with Sister Cities advocates in in Carora and closely monitors events with the aim of organizing a new delegation when conditions are more conducive. As part of these efforts, MCSCC member and 2014 Sister Cities delegate to Venezuela Andreas Guardalabene has temporarily relocated to Carora as part of a MCSCC initiative to promote individual exchanges. In addition to the work done by our Venezuelan partners, Mr. Guardalabene helps keep MCSCC volunteers in Milwaukee well-informed about the latest developments in Carora and across Venezuela, and conducts important outreach to establish new partners in Carora and Venezuela and doing preliminary planning for the future people-to-people exchanges.

MCSCC has also conducted educational activities including delegation report-out events highlighting our previous January 2014 Sister Cities delegation. The MCSCC also conducts regular digital educational communications via emails, social media and content featured on the websites of supportive organizations, including Peace Action Wisconsin. This type of engagement was highly beneficial to public education and debate at a time when increased media coverage and general public interest in Venezuela had greatly increased due to news coverage of events inside Venezuela.

Over the next year we will continue to provide educational opportunities to Milwaukee residents about events taking place within Venezuela and developments in U.S.-Venezuela relations, proceed with planning for the next delegation to Carora, maintain our relationship building with the people of Carora, and pursue new possibilities for cultural and economic engagement as they become available. We will continue to navigate the fluid relationship between our two cities and work to determine the best possibilities for growing our engagement. It is when our respective

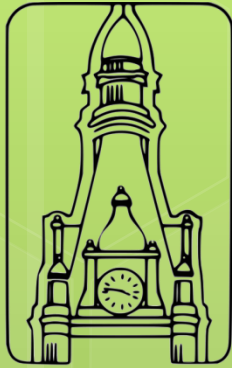
governments experience tension that the “citizen diplomacy” promoted by Sister Cities are most critical for bringing people together across national, political, and cultural boundaries.

On behalf of the citizens of both Sister Cities, I thank the City of Milwaukee for continuing to support this important work.

Sincerely,

/s/

Daniel Pneuman
President, Peace Action Wisconsin



City of Milwaukee



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VISION INTO ACTION

UMHLATHUZE MILWAUKEE SISTER CITY REPORT

Magugu Davis

21 June 2015

INTRODUCTION

- The uMhlathuze Milwaukee Sister City relationship was renewed in 2014.
- The Committee Members are;
 - Mrs Magugu Davis
 - Mrs Yogis Nijohn
 - Prof Johnnes Britz
 - Mr Jimmy Shabangu
 - Ms Faithe Colas

FOCUS

- Business Growth
- Educational Exchange
- Cultural Exchange
- Best Practices
- Trade Missions

South African Consul General Ms Vuyiswa Tulelo visits Milwaukee November 2014



Honorable South African Consul General Ms Vuyiswa Tulelo, - Ancestral Wisdom Award

- **Honorable Vuyiswa Tulelo, - Ancestral Wisdom Award.** The Honorable Vuyiswa Tulelo, Consul General the Republic of South Africa, is among emerging young political leaders in the Continent of Africa. PACA members had attended several of Ms. Tulelo's presentations and lectures in Milwaukee; finding her to be wise beyond her age. Therefore, we are pleased to honor the Honorable Vuyiswa Tulelo as the Ancestral Wisdom Award, 2014 recipient.

- *(PACA Board)*

CULTURE PROJECTS



BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES



Municipal Manager of Umhlathuze Dr Sibeko and Magugu Davis- December 2014



PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT



Meeting with Municipal Manager of Umhlathuze

- Mayor Mbatha of uMhlathuze and Hope Project, with the help of TIKZN (Trade and Investment KwaZulu Natal, will lead a delegation to the USA between April and October 2015.
- Latest update as of April 2015:
 - There is a new Mayor in uMhlathuze.

SOUTH AFRICA ECONOMIC CONSUL- MS DONNA MALULEKE WITH MILWAUKEE BUSINESSES - MAY 2015



SOUTH AFRICA FREEDOM DAY CELEBRATION AT THE MILWAUKEE YATCH CLUB MAY 2015



Play Africa Project being launched in the Mid West – May 2015



WAY FORWARD

- o Prof Britz from UWM is planning to take a delegation to the University of Zululand in uMhlatuze.
- o Business Delegation around October 2015.



Sister City Annual Report – Zadar, Croatia and Milwaukee, WI

Attention: Chris Lee, Staff Assistant, Milwaukee Sister City Committee

On behalf of the Federation of Croatian Societies, I am pleased to provide the City of Milwaukee Sister Cities Committee, with a report on major activities taken by the Federation since the May 11, 2015 signing of the agreement between Milwaukee and the City of Zadar, Croatia. Our goal for these past six months was to build a platform, a foundation for growing and enhancing a meaningful, long-term relationship between these two cities, one focusing on economic exchange opportunities, educational best practices around critical issues such as water, governmental/civic best practices and cultural exchanges.

Since the signing of the Sister City agreement in Milwaukee on May 11, the Federation of Croatian Societies has been involved in the following activities designed to promote/enhance the relationship between Zadar and Milwaukee. Major activities include the following:

- Formalized plans for a Federation delegation to visit Zadar this summer, a trip that will include invitations to local civic, educational and business leaders to join. In addition, the Federation has invited the Zadar Mayor to visit Milwaukee in July, 2016, to not only visit City Hall and business and educational leaders, but be the Federation's special guest at our annual Croatian Fest celebration in July at Croatian Park.
- Milwaukee Common Council President Michael Murphy, as part of a vacation to Croatia this past summer, visited Zadar and met with local officials. The meeting was arranged with the assistance of Croatian Consul General Dr. Jelena Grcic Polic.
- Federation has met with the Milwaukee Metropolitan Association of Commerce in regard to the MMAC hosting an event highlighting investment opportunities in Croatia and Zadar specifically. In addition, we have met with both the Water Council and UWM regarding sharing of best practices around water. In regard to the University, there is interest from the University of Zadar around exchange of ideas, professors and best practices.
- On the cultural side of the equation, the Milwaukee Croatian Tamburitians (a Federation member) will be featuring music, song and dances from the Zadar region at its 2016 concert and for all 2016 performances. The music and choreography were obtained from Zadar folk lore groups.
- In 2018, MCT will be traveling to Croatia and one of the features will be a shared program in Zadar with local folklore groups.

- Have met with state officials to lay groundwork for a possible trade mission to Zadar and all of Croatia.

As mentioned above, all of these action are designed to build what we hope will be a fruitful and long-lasting Sister City relationship. The Federation remains committed to playing a lead role in this endeavor and will continue to focus on activities and projects that truly grow this effort.

Beyond the meaningful cultural exchange opportunities, we remain convinced that activities surrounding water will be the major driver in this relationship. Both cities, due to their locations on major bodies of water, are rightfully focused on water in terms of economic growth, trade and everyday use. How we can highlight the need for best practice exchanges at governmental, educational and business-related levels, will be the key.

Respectfully submitted by:

Paul Lucas, Board Member, Federation of Croatian Societies, Inc.