

# SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

## 2007 Annual Report

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



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## **2007 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 2007)**

#### **CHAIR**

**Ald. Joe Davis., Sr.**

#### **MEMBERS**

**Dr. Vivian Chen**

(representative of Commissioner of Health, Bevan Baker)

**Daisy Cubias**

(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.)

#### **Staff**

Ms. Terry J. MacDonald, Staff Assistant

Ms. Charlotte Rodriguez, Council File Specialist

### **Committee meeting held in 2007:**

January 3, 2007

February 23, 2007

March 30, 2007

April 27, 2007

## **History**

*At the February 22, 2005, Common Council meeting the Council passed File Number 041441 – A Substitute resolution authorizing application by the City of Milwaukee for membership in Sister Cities International.*

*At the September 27, 2005, Common Council meeting the Council passed File Number 050290 - A substitute ordinance creating a sister cities committee.*

*On March 23, 2006 the Sister Cities Committee held its first committee meeting.*

## **Accomplishments in 2007**

At the January 3, 2007 Sister Cities Committee meeting, the committee recommended moving forward with the requests to invite Carora, in the State of Lara, Venezuela, Patiala, India and Morogoro, South Central Tanzania to submit a formal application for a sister city relationship with the City of Milwaukee.

At the February 23, 2007 Sister Cities Committee meeting:

A report on the of City Schwerin, Germany was given by Ms. Wilma Giese and Mr. Frank Schmidt President of the German Immersion Society and the Austrian American Society of Milwaukee. The committee asked that a letter be sent by Ms. Giese to the Sister Cities Committee, when the German Immersion Society Board determines whether they want to continue a sister city relationship with Schwerin, Germany.

A report on Galway, Ireland was given by Ald. Murphy who appeared on behalf of Ms. Jane Anderson, member of Board of Directors for Irish Festivals, Inc. The committee invited Galway Ireland to submit a formal application for a sister city relationship with the City of Milwaukee.

At the March 30, 2007 Sister Cities Committee meeting, the committee reviewed the application received for Morogoro, South Central Tanzania from Mr. Ryan Skaife, HOPE In Tanzania Foundation. After reviewing the application the committee moved to enter into a sister city relationship with Morogoro, South Central Tanzania.

At the May 8, 2007, the Common Council adopted File Number 070043 - Substitute resolution establishing a sister city relationship with Morogoro, Tanzania.

The committee also amended Chapter 335, of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances (File #070163) to require local organizations sponsoring a sister city relationship to provide proof of an application for nonprofit status or proof of nonprofit status.

During 2007, the Sister Cities Committee had determined that the following Sister Cities should be terminated due to lack of information on activities, reports, and documentation as required to meet the goals and guidelines set by Sister City International:

Parma, Italy (File #070164)

Queenstown, South Africa (File #070165)

In 2007 the City Channel 25 produced an “Insight Milwaukee” program on Milwaukee’s Sister Cities. The program explores the workings of the Sister Cities committee, the legislation and on the citizen groups actively involved in creating and sustaining the sister cities relationships. The program can be viewed at the following website: [www.milwaukee.gov/sistercities](http://www.milwaukee.gov/sistercities).