

SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

City of Milwaukee

2016 Annual Report

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



SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

2016 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 2016)

CHAIR

Ald. Russell W. Stamper, II

(Chair of the Community and Economic Development Committee)

MEMBERS

(Oscar Tovar)

(Representative of Mayor Tom Barrett)

Alexander Durtka, Jr.

(Representative of the International Institute of Wisconsin)

Charles Vang

(Public Member)

Tiffany Barta

(Representative of the Health Commissioner)

STAFF

Mr. Chris Lee, Staff Assistant

Lawanda Fletcher, Legislative Liaison

Ms. Charlotte Rodriguez, Council File Specialist

Previous Chair

Ald. Joe Davis, Sr.

(Chair of the Community and Economic Development Committee)

Previous Staff

Amy Hefter, Legislative Liaison

Milwaukee Sister Cities Website

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

SISTER CITIES AND FRIENDLY EXCHANGES SUMMARY 2016

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

- Bomet County, Kenya
- Galway, Ireland
- Medan, Indonesia
- Tarime District, Tanzania
- uMhlathuze, South Africa
- Zadar, Croatia

The City of Milwaukee had 1 (one) new sister city relationship established with a signed agreement in 2016:

- Tarime District, Tanzania

The City of Milwaukee terminated 1 (one) sister city relationship in 2016:

- Carora, Venezuela

The City of Milwaukee had no pending sister city relationships without a signed agreement and no sister city relationship renewals in 2016.

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 committee extended applications to establish sister city relationships with 2 (two) cities:

- Daegu, South Korea
- Lublin, Poland

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
Galway, Ireland** (2002 - Present)	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
Tarime District, Tanzania (2016 - present)	Mosorec International Foundation	160176	7/6/2016	7/14/2016	11/7/2016	11/7/2021	5/7/2021	8/13
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 terminated sister city relationships since the creation of Chapter 335 Sister Cities, which was adopted October 24, 2006 and became effective November 10, 2006.

Terminated 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	File Number Terminating Relationship	Effective Termination Date
Carora, Venezuela* (2009 - Present)	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	160547	10/19/2016
*Since 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 terminated 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 2016

New Sister City Relationship Established

Tarime District, Tanzania

The District of Tarime, Tanzania become the City of Milwaukee's seventh official sister city with a signed agreement. The sister city relationship became official when City of Milwaukee Common Council President Ashanti Hamilton, on behalf of Mayor Tom Barrett, and Mayor Moses Matiko Misiwa came together to sign a sister city relationship agreement in a **signing ceremony** at the Common Council Chambers of Milwaukee City Hall on **November 7, 2016**. Substitute resolution establishing a sister city relationship between the City of Milwaukee and Tarime District, Tanzania (Common Council File Number 160176) was adopted by the Common Council and signed by Mayor Tom Barrett on July 14, 2016. The Sister Cities Committee approved the application and recommended approval to establish a sister city relationship with the District of Tarime at its June 16, 2016 meeting.

The Mosorec International Foundation, led by its founder, president and CEO, Christine Thompson Mosore, is the local sponsoring organization in the City of Milwaukee. The foundation is also the local organization sponsoring the relationship in Tarime.

The relationship is fully supported by the district government of Tarime. Efforts by Ms. Thompson Mosore and the foundation have been vital in initiating, spearheading, and establishing the sister city relationship.

The sister city relationship with the District of Tarime is for five years with an expiration date of November 7, 2021. An annual report regarding this sister city relationship will be due August 13th of every year to the Sister Cities Committee.

Further details on the sister city relationship and activities between the District of Tarime and the City of Milwaukee can be found within Common Council File Number 160176.

Termination of Sister City Relationship

Carora, Venezuela

The sister city relationship with Carora was terminated on October 19, 2016 after Mayor Tom Barrett signed a resolution terminating the sister city relationship via Common Council File Number 160547. The local sponsor to the relationship, Peace Action Wisconsin, had notified the Sister Cities Committee of its inactivity and removal as the local sponsor on June 21, 2016. Due to inactivity and the lack of community support to foster the relationship, the Sister Cities Committee at its August 11, 2016 meeting recommended to terminate the sister city relationship with Carora. The Common Council

adopted resolution CCFN 160547 to terminate the sister city relationship on October 11, 2016.

The sister city relationship with Carora was first established on March 24, 2009 when the sister city agreement was signed at a signing ceremony at Milwaukee City Hall between Mayor Tom Barrett and Mayor Edgar Carrasco of Carora. CCFN 80769 was the original resolution establishing the relationship. The relationship was subsequently renewed one term on March 7, 2014 via Mayor Barrett's signing of resolution CCFN 131429. The relationship was set to expire on March 8, 2019,

Changes in Sister Cities Committee Membership and Staff

Ald. Russell Stamper, II replaced Ald. Joe Davis, Sr. to serve as member and chair on the committee after being assigned to chair the Common Council's Community and Economic Development Committee in April 2016.

Lawanda Fletcher replaced Amy Hefter as the legislative liaison to the committee in April 2016.

Ongoing Discussion on Goals to Enhance the Sister Cities Program

The committee has discussed over its last three meetings goals to enhance the City's sister cities program. Various recommendations were considered. Of priority to the committee is the focus on initial short term goals inclusive of increasing program presence locally and nationally, improving better communication with the parent organization Sister Cities International (SCI), hosting a SCI annual conference, and adding capacity either inside or outside city government.

A summary of initial proposed committee recommendations can be found in Exhibit E.

Detailed information can be found within the meeting minutes in Exhibits B, C, and D.

Sister Cities Committee meetings held in 2016:

- May 19, 2016
- June 16, 2016
- August 11, 2016
- September 21, 2016

2016 Committee Meeting Highlights:

At the **May 19, 2016** meeting, the committee:

- Reviewed and approved the annual report regarding the sister city relationship with Zadar, Croatia. Mr. Paul Lucas from the Federation of Croatian Societies Inc. of Milwaukee appeared to present the annual report.
- Reviewed a letter of intent and extended an application to establish a sister city relationship with the District of Tarime, Tanzania to the Mosorec International Foundation. Ms. Christine Thompson Mosore of the foundation and former Wisconsin State Representative Jason Fields appeared.
- Reviewed and approved the 2015 Sister Cities annual report prepared by staff.

Complete committee meeting minutes and details are attached as Exhibit A.

At the **June 16, 2016** meeting, the committee:

- Reviewed and approved the application submitted by the Mosorec International Foundation to establish a sister city relationship with the District of Tarime, Tanzania; reviewed and approved a resolution draft of CCFN 160176 establishing said relationship, and referred the matter for Common Council adoption. Ms. Thompson Mosore and Mr. Fields were in attendance representing the foundation.
- Discussed goals for the committee to enhance the City's sister cities program and sister city relationships. A summary of goals discussed are attached as Exhibit E.

Complete committee meeting minutes and details are attached as Exhibit B.

At the **August 11, 2016** meeting, the committee:

- Reviewed a letter of intent and extended an application to establish a sister city relationship with the City of Lublin, Poland to the Polish American Congress - Wisconsin Division. Ms. Joanna Gibelev appeared along with several congress representatives on the matter.
- Reviewed and approved the agreement drafts, both in English and Kiswahili, to

establish a sister city relationship between the City of Milwaukee and the District of Tarime, Tanzania.

- Discussed coordination of the signing ceremony and delegation visit to establish the sister city relationship with the District of Tarime. The ceremony date was set for Monday, November 7, 2016 at 2 p.m. in Milwaukee City Hall. Ms. Thompson Mosore was present.
- Reviewed and recommended termination of the sister city relationship with Carora, Venezuela, based on lack of sponsorship and inactivity. The recommendation is to be considered by the Common Council via a resolution to terminate the relationship.
- Continued discussion on goals to enhance the sister cities program focusing on initial goals inclusive of establishing a presence locally and nationally, improving communication with Sister Cities International (SCI), and hosting a SCI annual conference.

Complete committee meeting minutes and details are attached as Exhibit C.

At the **September 21, 2016** meeting, the committee:

- Reviewed a letter of intent and extended an application to establish a sister city relationship with the City of Daegu, South Korea to the Water Council. President and CEO Dean Amhaus of the Water Council appeared on the matter along with Preston Cole, Commissioner of the Department of Neighborhood Services, and Erick Shambarger, Director of the City's Environmental Collaboration Office.
- Reviewed and approved the annual reports submitted for the sister city relationships with Galway, Ireland; Medan, Indonesia; uMhlathuze, South Africa; and Bomet County, Kenya. Several representatives of the local sponsors behind the sister city relationships were present to report, except for Galway. The committee directed for creation and subsequent review of a standard annual report form or format for reporting consistency going forward.
- Discussed capacity to host a SCI annual conference. Mr. Paul Upchurch and Jeff Baryenbruch from VISIT Milwaukee were present in participation and requested further research and reporting on the feasibility of hosing a conference.
- Reviewed short term goals to enhance the sister city program, in particular ongoing discussion to add capacity within or outside city government.

Complete committee meeting minutes and details are attached as Exhibit D.

Annual Reports from Local Sponsors of Sister City Relationships in 2016

2016 Annual Reports were submitted, received, and approved for the following sister city relationships:

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

No 2016 Annual Reports were submitted and received for the following sister city relationship:

- Carora, Venezuela

No 2016 Annual Reports were due for the following sister city relationships:

- Tarime District, Tanzania

Annual reports approved by the committee are attached as Exhibit F.

Pending Interests to Establish Sister City Relationships

Daegu, South Korea

A letter of intent was received from the Water Council on August 18, 2016 to establish a sister city relationship with the City of Daegu. The Sister Cities Committee had met to review the letter of intent and extended an application at its September 21, 2016 meeting to the Water Council. No application had been received prior to the end of the year.

Further details on the pending interest to establish said relationship can be found in the meeting minutes of September 21, 2016, attached as Exhibit D.

Lublin, Poland

A letter of intent was received from the Polish American Congress - Wisconsin Division on August 3, 2016 to establish a sister city relationship with the City of Lublin. The Sister Cities Committee had met to review the letter of intent and extended an application at its August 11, 2016 meeting to the Polish American Congress - Wisconsin Division. No application had been received prior to the end of the year.

Further details on the pending interest to establish said relationship can be found in the meeting minutes of August 11, 2016, attached as Exhibit C.

Exhibit A

MEETING MINUTES FROM 5-19-16



City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
53202

Meeting Minutes

SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

ALD. RUSSELL W. STAMPER, II, CHAIR
Al Durtka, Tiffany Barta, Oscar Tovar and Charles Vang
Staff Assistant, Chris Lee, 286-2232, Fax: 286-3456,
clee@milwaukee.gov
Legislative Liaison, La-Wanda Fletcher, 286-8661,
lfletc@milwaukee.gov

Thursday, May 19, 2016

10:00 AM

Zeidler Municipal Bldg, Room 102
(Fishbowl)

841 N. Broadway, Milwaukee, WI 53202

1. Call to Order.

Meeting called to order at 10:07 a.m.

Present (5) - Vang, Tovar, Barta, Durtka, Stamper

Individual also present:

LaWanda Fletcher, Legislative Reference Bureau

2. Introduction of Members.

Members gave brief introductions.

3. Review and Approval of the Meeting Minutes from July 14, 2015.

Mr. Durtka moved approval, seconded by Mr. Vang, of the meeting minutes from July 14, 2016. There was no objection.

5. Review of the 2015 Annual Report regarding the Sister City Relationship with Zadar, Croatia.

Individual appearing:

Paul Lucas, Federation of Croatian Societies Inc. of Milwaukee

Mr. Lucas said that the federation is a part of an umbrella for nine different local Croatian groups that include a radio club, soccer club, two catholic churches, women's group, and youth tamburitza orchestra.

Mr. Lucas gave an overview on the 2015 report regarding the sister city relationship with Zadar, Croatia. The relationship became official last year. Since then, the goal has been to establish a foundation for the relationship to grow meaningfully and for the long term. The focus has been on three areas: economic exchange, educational exchange, and cultural exchange.

Economically, there are business opportunities in the area of water and fish farming in Zadar for local business companies in Milwaukee. Cultivating tuna is the main fish farm in Zadar. Zadar is next to the Mediterranean Sea, and water is critical to its

economy. There have been initial and positive meetings with Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce (MMAC), the Water Council, and University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee (UWM) to develop economic relationships. He's expressed interest with the State of Wisconsin for doing a trade mission again to Eastern Europe, and Croatia is willing to sponsor events for a trade mission.

For education, Zadar is interested in best practices on the issue of fresh water. Zadar has at least 45 islands that require fresh water from the main city. The University of Zadar is very interested in partnering the UWM for scholarly exchange.

Cultural activities have occurred through the Milwaukee Croatian Tamburitians. The local youth orchestra recently had an annual concert featuring Croatian music, and they will do a series of concerts when they travel to Zadar and Croatia in 2019 as part of a nationwide Croatian event.

There are formalized plans for a delegation of federation members to visit Zadar and its government and mayor. The previous Common Council President, Ald. Michael Murphy, traveled to Croatia and had met with Zadar officials last year. The mayor of Zadar could not visit Milwaukee this summer due to internal criminal investigation that had only been recently dropped. The mayor will be able come to Milwaukee by the end of the year or next year to meet the committee, civic leaders, government officials, and the federation. Once the mayor's travel to Milwaukee is confirmed, the committee and City will be informed.

Members inquired about economic trades in Zadar, local Croatian population in Milwaukee, population in Zadar, a state sister city relationship between Wisconsin and Croatia, origins of the sister city relationship with Zadar, and Croatian background of Mr. Lucas.

Mr. Lucas replied. He is third generation Croatian. His wife is first generation Croatian. Major produce or manufacturing trades in Zadar include fish farming and alcohol production. About 15,000 people in southeastern Wisconsin would identify themselves as Croatian. There is a very active local Croatian community in the City. There are two local Croatian churches. There is a local 40-acre Croatian Park in Franklin with picnic grounds and facilities for the Croatian Eagle Soccer Club. The soccer club is growing, and its adult team plays professionally in the Midwest. There is the desire to possibly build a cultural center or an open area pavilion in the park for events. There is not a state sister city relationship. Hopefully, the sister city relationship will initiate a state relationship. The Croatian government is supportive of the relationship, and the Croatian consulate in Chicago was very involved in fostering the relationship. English is spoken as a second language in Zadar. Zadar was chosen as the sister city due to it mirroring Milwaukee the closest on its offerings, which includes the close proximity to water, beverage production, food processing, and tourism. Zadar is one of the largest cities on the coast in Croatia, and its population is a little smaller than Milwaukee County. Zadar has great weather, an airport, an air force base, and clean water.

Ald. Stamper said that he liked the economic and educational opportunities, especially around water. The City should be informed of when the Zadar delegation will visit Milwaukee.

Mr. Tovar moved approval of the 2015 annual report on the sister city relationship with Zadar, Croatia. There was no objection.

4. Discussion relating to establishing a Friendly Exchange or Sister City Relationship with Tarime, Tanzania.

Individuals appearing:

Christine Thompson-Mosorec, Mosorec International Foundation

Jason Fields, former Wisconsin State Representative and Assembly Member

Ms. Thompson-Mosorec gave opening remarks. The proposal is for a sister city relationship with Tarime, Tanzania. Her nonprofit organization called Mosorec International Foundation will be the local sponsor for Milwaukee and in Tarime where there are both physical offices in both cities. The foundation's mission is to empower Tanzanians and bring awareness to the United States. She is from Tarime and understands the culture there. She recently helped built a school in Tarime.

Mr. Fields gave opening remarks. He will assist the foundation. There is interest in fostering economic, educational, and cultural relationships between the cities. There are export opportunities in Tarime, such as coffee, machinery, textiles, cotton, fur, and sweaters. There is high interest in a water relationship, and the foundation is meeting with the Water Council. The foundation will partner with UWM and Pathways in Education on education. There is interest to have two local charter schools that will expose challenged students of color to different cultures outside of the United States. There was a previous sister city relationship between the City and Morogoro, Tanzania. The main differences with this proposal being successful is that the foundation will be physically present in both cities, there are some connections established or planned, and there is a dedicated point person in Ms. Thompson-Mosorec.

Ms. Thompson-Mosorec gave a presentation on the City of Tarime and the proposed sister city relationship.

Wisconsin and Tanzania have similar boundary shapes. Tarime is located in the Mara Great Lakes region with an important connection to water in Lake Victoria. Tarime's population is at about 600,000 people and is similar to Milwaukee. There are three main tribes: Kuria, Luo, and Jita. Kuria is the dominant tribe. Tarime is economically similar to Milwaukee with a dependence on agriculture, livestock, and cattle. There are cash and food crops such as coffee and corn. Tanzania's national language is Swahili. There are 220 tribal languages. English is a third language. The municipal government is the Tarime District. The government has a multiparty voting system. There are two villages with two mayors.

The education system is based on the British system and is 7 years primary, 4 years high school, 2 years advance level, and 3 years college. The education system is a linear system, and advancement requires the passing of all exams. St. Augustine is a major private university in the Mara Region, which is four hours away from Tarime. A major public university is the University of Dar es Salaam. Public education is not really free due to extra expenses that students have to pay. There is not much access to education in Tarime.

Business exchange opportunities in Tarime include gold mining and tourism. Serengeti National Park is two hours away from Tarime. Tarime is located near the Tanzanian northern border where people can travel into the countries of Kenya and Uganda.

There is communication with various businesses, educational institutions, and nonprofits locally such as UWM and the Water Council. The foundation is in communication with the mayor and leaders in Tarime, but a formal sister city relationship needs to be established before any further progress and activities can be done. There is support from the Tarime government and embassies in New York and

Washington D.C.

Mr. Fields said that many people have been contacted and are on board, but the relationship needs to be official first. There has been communication with the Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor to establish a sister state relationship. Tarime is one of many African cities with potential and an emerging market to invest in. Water exchange with the Water Council and perhaps Badger Meter can take place. There is interest with the World Bank for assistance.

Members inquired about investment in Tarime, international hub cities, perception of Milwaukee in Tarime, and local Tarime community in Milwaukee.

Mr. Fields replied. Cultural awareness and relationships need to occur first. Mutual exchanges, business and investment will come later. Milwaukee needs to become more of a global player and international hub, similar to other cities like Chicago, Detroit, and St. Louis, in order to compete globally. These hub cities have more international interactions and diversity. The culture outside the United States is more patient, is relationship-based, and has an international outlook. The western culture is more centered on quick business. Local businesses and African American businesses should be involved and can partner with the Tarime government to do business in sectors like cement, engines, corn, ethanol, and water. Knowledge and high intellectual capital from foreign cities need to be imported to Milwaukee as too much talent is leaving the city.

Mr. Durka concurred and added comments. Milwaukee is more of an ethnic community rather than an international one. There is a lack of coordination among the state level despite efforts in trade missions. The City seems more passive on the creation of new sister city relationship as opposed to other cities who seem more engaged. Some cities have departments and programs that are funded for sister city or international purposes and others are funded by outside agencies to oversee or run their programs. Chicago has 27 sister cities. There is little public awareness of the City's sister city relationships and activities. Other resources, businesses, and institutions need to be looked at, such as Badger Meter, in addition to the regular ones like the Water Council.

Ms. Thompson-Mosorec remarked. There is a community of Tarime professionals working and living in the City such as doctors and instructors. They are aware and supportive of this initiative. There was a gathering of that community last year, and another one will be held this July. The Tarime people are very welcoming and friendly. The last major conflict in Tarime was the war with Uganda during the 1970s. Tarime has initial perceptions of shootings and indifference regarding Milwaukee and the United States, in general. These perceptions can be lessened by providing support to Tarime.

Mr. Vang remarked. Milwaukee should be more global. The previous relationship with Morogoro seemed to have inconsistent goals and purposes that were not mutual. Although considered low, education outside of the United States seem to be broader based on his international travel experience.

Ms. Barta said that the presentation was impressive, there is potential for growth for both cities, and the City needs more public awareness on the benefits of its sister city relationships.

Mr. Vang left the committee at 10:55 a.m.

Mr. Tovar said that he was impressed with the presentation, has met privately with

Ms. Thompson-Mosorec, and is hopeful that the City can become an international hub.

Mr. Durtka concurred and said that there needs to be more public investment from the community for sister city relationships, which takes time.

Ald. Stamper commented. Sister city relationships are about developing capacity, relationships, sharing of resources, and educational involvement. There should be public awareness of what the committee is doing in building international and mutually benefiting relationships with other cities from other countries. Concerning the proposal the nonprofit aspect is set, there is due diligence that has been made with connections, and the committee should move this initiative forward so the foundation can move forward with its connections. The action that the committee should take is to extend an application for a sister city relationship to the foundation. If an application is extended, the committee will have to reconvene to review the application perhaps for next month.

Mr. Lee said that today's meeting is to review the letter of intent from the foundation followed by extending an application. The committee should reconvene to review a completed application. If the application is approved, then the matter goes through the approval process of the City's Community and Economic Development Committee and Common Council.

Ms. Thompson-Mosorec said that she had already submitted an application to clerk staff, but the application is premature.

Ms. Barta moved approval, seconded by Mr. Durtka, to extend a sister city relationship application to the Mosorec International Foundation to establish a sister city relationship with Tarime, Tanzania. There was no objection. Mr. Vang excused.

6. Review of the 2015 Sister Cities Committee Annual Report.

Mr. Lee gave a brief overview. The annual report is required by city ordinance. The report summarizes the activities and accomplishments of the committee in 2015 as well as the status of sister city and friendly exchange relationships. Two major accomplishments in 2015 included the official establishment of two sister city relationships, Zadar, Croatia and Bomet County, Kenya, with the City of Milwaukee through the signing of sister city agreements. There are currently six active sister city relationships. Ms. Barta and Mr. Tovar joined the committee in early 2015 as new members. Attached to the reports as exhibits are detailed 2015 meeting minutes and annual reports received from the local sponsors of relationships.

Ald. Stamper inquired about requests for sister city relationships.

Mr. Tovar replied that the Mayor's office and the Clerk's office gets contacted sometimes with requests. The recent German delegation was from Darmstadt, Hesse in Germany. The State of Wisconsin informed his office regarding the delegation visit. The delegation visit resulted in an agreement to eventually establish a friendly exchange relationship and a sister city relationship between the cities. The Hesse Wisconsin Society will be the City's nonprofit organization locally behind this proposed relationship, and he will meet with the organization soon.

Mr. Tovar moved approval, seconded by Mr. Durtka, of the 2015 Sister Cities Committee annual report. There was no objection. Mr. Vang excused.

7. Old Business.

There was no old business.

8. New Business.

Mr. Durtka commented. With the departure of Ald. Joe Davis, there needs to be a new point person for the City on addressing notices, dues, listings, and other items that need to be taken care of from Sister Cities International. There will be a Sister Cities International 60th Anniversary Annual Conference from July 13 to 16, 2016 in Washington D.C. Elections, some by-law changes, and board of director nominations will take place. The City may vote electronically for the elections. It would be great if others can attend the conference in addition to himself. Ald. Davis previously attended an annual conference.

Mr. Lee said that Management and Accounting Officer Terry MacDonald of his office paid dues previously and Ald. Davis was the previous point person.

9. Items for the Next Meeting.

Ald. Stamper said that the next meeting items may include:

-Review of the application for a sister city relationship between the City of Tarime, Tanzania and the City of Milwaukee

-Possibly a discussion on the Sister Cities Committee relative to its goals, purpose, and ideas for improvement. Members are to share written opinions on improving structure, coordination, relationships, public awareness, weaknesses, international interaction, and growth.

10. Set Next Meeting Date and Time.

Ald. Stamper will work with clerk staff to set the next meeting date and time for June 2016.

11. Adjournment.

*Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.
Chris Lee, Staff Assistant*

Exhibit B

MEETING MINUTES FROM 6-16-16



City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
53202

Meeting Minutes

SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

ALD. RUSSELL W. STAMPER, II, CHAIR
Al Durtka, Tiffany Barta, Oscar Tovar and Charles Vang
Staff Assistant, Chris Lee, 286-2232, Fax: 286-3456,
clee@milwaukee.gov
Legislative Liaison, La-Wanda Fletcher, 286-8661,
lfletc@milwaukee.gov

Thursday, June 16, 2016

10:00 AM

Zeidler Municipal Bldg, Room 102 (Fishbowl)
841 N. Broadway, Milwaukee, WI 53202

1. Call to Order.

Meeting called to order at 10:03 a.m.

Present (5) - Vang, Tovar, Barta, Durtka, Stamper

Individuals also present:

LaWanda Fletcher, Legislative Reference Bureau
Samuel Dawson, International Institute of Wisconsin

2. Review of the Meeting Minutes from May 19, 2016.

Mr. Durtka moved approval, seconded by Mr. Tovar, of the meeting minutes from May 19, 2016. There was no objection.

3. Proposal to establish a sister city relationship with Tarime, Tanzania.

-Review of application

Individuals appearing:

Christine Thompson-Mosore, Mosorec International Foundation
Jason Fields, former Wisconsin State Representative and Assembly Member

Members reviewed and discussed the sister city relationship application submitted by Ms. Thompson-Mosore on behalf of her foundation.

Ald. Stamper said the application satisfied the application requirements with respects to local sponsoring nonprofit organization, committee of people, similarities between cities, economic and cultural benefits, community support, and government support. There are major opportunities in urban agriculture and solar energy. Perhaps a cultural event can occur in the City to bring public awareness and promotion to the relationship.

Mr. Durtka gave comments. The application is thorough. Realistic goals and priorities need to be developed. Initial focus should be on easily achievable tasks that can happen immediately to get the relationship going. Further achievements would come and be built upon the relationship as it gains synergy. Focus should be

on culture, education, and health as mentioned in the application. A sister city relationship in its first years is a period of cities getting to know one another. There is opportunity in the City's Holiday Folk Fair in November for the foundation to be involved to introduce Tarime culture and natives.

Ald. Stamper inquired about Tarime government support, representation, and the sister cities program involvement in the National League of Cities.

Ms. Thompson-Mosore replied. The president of Tanzania has a preference that government representation comes first from those officials who are already based in the United States, primarily officials in the United Nations office in New York City or the Tanzanian Embassy in Washington D.C. Officials in Tarime may be able to come to Milwaukee based on financial feasibility, and they are on board with a sister city relationship. There is no Tanzanian consulate office in Chicago.

Mr. Durtka responded that there was close connection initially between Sister Cities International (SCI) and the National League of Cities but not anymore. There is movement to possibly reconnect the two.

Ms. Barta said that youth participation, such as through a youth council, in sister city relationships would be a great piece. She questioned about priority initiatives described in the application.

Ms. Thompson-Mosore responded. Initial priorities would include cultural, health, and educational activities. These areas would be inclusive of everyone young and old. There would be local promotion to increase awareness in Tanzanian culture through local events and festivities. Tanzanian delegates who visit Milwaukee would also be introduced to American culture. Understanding of each other's culture is important. Business activities would be included but would not be an initial priority as it may not be as inclusive as compared to the other priority areas. The foundation has a goal to have ambassadors, and the youth can be a part of that. Youths can also assist the relationship through social media.

Mr. Fields said that the addition of this relationship is a step to make Milwaukee more international. Of importance is cultural awareness and education, which will lead to business opportunities.

Mr. Durtka moved approval of the sister city relationship application for Tarime District, Tanzania. Furthermore, Mr. Durtka moved to recommend approval of the sister city relationship to the Community and Economic Development Committee and Common Council. Mr. Vang seconded. There was no objection.

Ald. Stamper remarked on the sister city relationship process. A resolution to establish the sister city relationship will be reviewed and adopted at the June 22, 2016 Community and Economic Development Committee meeting and July 6, 2016 Common Council meeting followed by the mayor of Milwaukee signing the resolution. Lastly, a signing ceremony at City Hall will be scheduled for the signing of a sister city agreement between the mayors from both municipalities when both mayors are able to appear together.

The sister city application for Tarime District, Tanzania can be found within Common Council File Number 160176.

-Review of draft resolution

Members reviewed the draft resolution.

Mr. Tovar moved approval, seconded by Ms. Barta, of the draft resolution establishing a sister city relationship with Tarime District, Tanzania. There was no objection.

4. Discussion on the Sister Cities Committee relative to its goals, purpose, and activities.

Meeting recessed at 10:24 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 10:25 a.m.

Members reviewed each other's written statements, which can be found within Common Council File Number 151716.

Ald. Stamper commented. Members' written statements referenced enhancing the committee, making relationships more global, utilizing local assets to leverage assets from other cities, promoting peace, and youth inclusion. The committee should focus on a few goals to capitalize on for growth. There are grants opportunities from SCI for business promotion and relationship building. A budget can possibly be created based on recommendations and additional operations in the program. Perhaps capacity or a department can be created for the City's sister city program. The goal should be to make the City into an international hub. Water is the City's main asset and should be leveraged.

Mr. Dawson said that he is the International Programs Coordinator at the International Institute of Wisconsin and has observed Chicago prioritizing to be a global city on a mayoral level. There are state department programs, city programs, and outside agency programs there that consistently engage international audiences.

Ald. Stamper said that Mr. Dawson should appear at a future committee meeting to provide information to help the City and committee grow its sister city program and relationships.

Mr. Vang said that the City needs to do more to set goals to enhance the sister city program. Capacity should be added to the committee or program, perhaps with funding from the City's budget.

Mr. Tovar inquired about the acquisition of grant funds from SCI for the City's sister city relationships.

Mr. Durtka replied that some SCI grant funds were acquired to assist in the sister city relationship with uMhlathuze, South Africa in the past for a health center. There are very few national grants available now. Focus should be on acquiring available grants locally.

Mr. Tovar made comments. There should be capitalization on using local corporate headquarters and partnerships, such as Johnson Controls, to participate in sister city relationships. Youth involvement can occur through exchanges and internships locally and on an international level. There was a recent Jeju, South Korea delegation visit to the City through the Water Council, and Jeju is interested in establishing a sister city relationship.

Ald. Stamper said that members should each find a possible sister city to establish.

Mr. Durka remarked. Emphasis should be made that sister city relationships are joint partnerships and not a single effort on one side or the other. The City's mindset

should change from being an ethnic city to an international city with a global environment in terms of its offerings and dealings. Engagement in young people should really be on young professionals as opposed to youths since the international community does not see youths being limited to just teenagers.

Ms. Barta said that the City's sister city relationships, committee, and program need to be better publicized to the public for them to see the value and benefits of such relationships and program. Also, the committee should build upon existing aspects and work to sustain them.

Mr. Vang inquired about whether the committee or a different entity should handle international matters and sister city relationships involving the City?

Mr. Durtka replied. SCI would have a more active role in the City's international and sister city relationship matters. Volunteers are the key to making sister city relationships successful.

Mr. Durtka said that there was a proposal from the City to host an annual SCI conference about four years ago. That proposal was very poor, was merely a 4-page faxed document, and had no one in appearance during its presentation. VISIT Milwaukee was involved in the proposal. That annual conference bid was given to Minneapolis reluctantly even though the desire was for Milwaukee to host. There was much representation present at Minneapolis' proposal presentation. There is interest in smaller cities like Milwaukee, as opposed to the typical big cities, to host a SCI conference due to the City's more congenial, cooperative, and accessible business environment. The City should bid to host a future SCI annual conference but will have to improve its proposal and presentation efforts significantly. About 500 people from around the world attend SCI's annual conferences. Hosting an SCI annual conference would greatly assist towards the promotion and publicizing of the City's sister city program and relationships.

Mr. Tovar said that Paul Upchurch from VISIT Milwaukee should meet with the committee at a future meeting to discuss the possibility of bidding to host a future SCI annual conference. VISIT Milwaukee acts on the City's behalf regarding tourism.

Ald. Stamper made final remarks. Clerk staff shall put together a list of recommendations from members' comments today regarding the goals and objectives of the committee. Current ordinance states that no city funds shall be used for travel expenses by city officials in connection with any sister city or friendly exchange relationship, the mayor's office shall have oversight responsibility for the sister city program, and the total number of sister city relationships adopted should not exceed 10. The city ordinance may be modified to accomplish the committee's goals going forward. Additionally, acquiring city and grant funding are possibilities to help the committee accomplish its goals.

5. Adjournment.

*Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.
Chris Lee, Staff Assistant*

Exhibit C

MEETING MINUTES FROM 8-11-16



City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
53202

Meeting Minutes

SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

ALD. RUSSELL W. STAMPER, II, CHAIR
Al Durtka, Tiffany Barta, Oscar Tovar and Charles Vang
Staff Assistant, Chris Lee, 286-2232, Fax: 286-3456,
clee@milwaukee.gov
Legislative Liaison, La-Wanda Fletcher, 286-8661,
lfletc@milwaukee.gov

Thursday, August 11, 2016

10:00 AM

Room 303, 3rd Floor, City Hall

1. Call to Order.

Meeting called to order at 10 a.m.

Present 4 - Durtka, Vang, Barta, Stamper II

Excused 1 - Tovar

Individuals also present:

Lawanda Fletcher, Legislative Reference Bureau
Sam Dawson, International Institute of Wisconsin

2. Review of the Meeting Minutes from June 16, 2016.

Mr. Durtka moved approval of the meeting minutes from June 16, 2016. There were no objections. Members Tovar and Vang excused.

3. Discussion relating to establishing a sister city relationship or friendly exchange relationship with Lublin, Poland.

-Review of Letter of Intent

Individuals appearing:

Joanna Gibelev, Polish American Congress - Wisconsin Division
David Rydzewski, Polish American Congress - Wisconsin Division President
Dr. Mark Pienkos, Polish American Congress - Wisconsin Division Vice President
Dr. Donald Pienkos, Polish American Congress - Wisconsin Division Vice President
Jim Klisch, Lakefront Brewery

Ms. Gibelev gave initial remarks. She is an assistant city attorney for Milwaukee but is representing the Polish American Congress Wisconsin Division to serve as the local sponsor. The interest is to establish a sister city relationship. The idea of establishing a sister city relationship stemmed from her realization of the similarities between the two cities during her travels back to her native city, Lublin. A sister city relationship between the two cities would be a great platform to exchange those similarities to benefit both cities with economic and cultural exchange opportunities. Milwaukee has the fifth largest Polish population in the United States. There is substantial Polish heritage represented in the City, such as through Polish Fest and

other fairs. Lublin officials and its president, Dr. Krzysztof Żuk, are supportive of the sister city initiative and are extending to Milwaukee to send a delegation to Lublin.

Ms. Gibelev proceeded to give a presentation on the City of Lublin relative to its sister city relationships, demographics, geopolitical profile, higher education, young population, heritage, cultural exchange, economic opportunities, and local modes of commuting,

Lublin has much cooperation with the international community. The city has over two dozen sister cities with other countries including Ukraine, numerous European Union countries, Canada, and the United States.

Lublin's city population is 341,722 and metro population is about 712,000, roughly the size of Milwaukee. The city has a young population. There are nine different universities teaching over 70,000 students and graduating 20,000 students each year. The population is very multilingual, and English is much spoken.

Lublin is the ninth largest city in Poland overall. It is the largest city in eastern Poland and is known as a "European Union gateway to the East". The city is dynamically expanding its infrastructure with an airport with many national and international connections, well developed railroad system, and a convenient network of multiple expressways.

Lublin's nine higher education institutions comprise of 25% of the city's population, which presents an enormous human capital. Many young professionals are retained in the city. The city accommodates about 4500 foreign students from nearly 100 countries.

Lublin has a multicultural heritage. President Dr. Krzysztof Żuk and its city are heavily supportive of initiatives to share the city's diverse heritage to its citizens and visitors alike. Festivals have been a great platform to teach the city's history and cultural heritage as well as attracting tourists. The city is reattempting to earn the title to be the European Capital of Culture and nearly won that recognition in 2007. Lublin is known as "The Capital of Festivals", offers a new one yearly, and holds a multicultural festival called Multicultural Lublin. There are also efforts within the city to preserve and showcase the history and culture of the Jewish population.

Mr. Vang joined the committee at 10:21 a.m.

Lublin offers much business opportunities due to its proximity to eastern foreign markets such as Ukraine, special economic zone, expanding transportation infrastructure, lower operation and employment costs compared to the rest of Poland, and a skilled personnel base of multilingual students. Sectors that are available for economic exchange in Lublin include the food and beverage industry, craft beer, medical equipment solutions such as MRI technology, information technology and research, automotive and engineering, biotechnology, bioscience, and agriculture. Local modes of commuting, such as trolley buses and bike rentals, in Lublin also offer business opportunities like revenue from advertisements.

Mr. Rydzewski added comments. He has traveled to Poland recently and has seen new investments in the country since its German or Soviet occupation. The country and its citizens are highly interested to participate in the world economy.

Dr. Donald Pienkos added comments. He is a professor and chairman of the Polish Studies Committee at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. He was a past president of the Polish American Congress Wisconsin Division. He has traveled to

Poland as well. Lublin is a beautiful city and has a great history. Lublin was once a great historic meeting place that brought the leaders and citizens from Lithuania, Ukraine, and Poland together as a union. The city is a gateway to east and is a key city to provide access and development to eastern countries like Ukraine.

Dr. Mark Pienkos added comments. He visited Lublin last year. There are obvious comparisons between Lublin and Milwaukee. He is the vice president for public relations for the Polish American Congress nationally and was previously a president for the Wisconsin division.

Mr. Klisch added comments. A sister city relationship between the two cities would greatly help Milwaukeeans with Polish backgrounds to learn and understand the Polish culture, heritage, and history. He is interested in craft beer and trade possibilities in Lublin for his brewery company in Milwaukee.

Ald. Stamper said that he sees many similarities and opportunities between both cities in festivals, culture, history, urban agriculture, and beer.

Mr. Durtka remarked. There were preliminary talks to establish a sister city relationship with Lublin before. He had met a delegation from Lublin last year during an event in Lublin, Wisconsin. He is impressed with the local support, representation from the Polish American Congress Wisconsin Division to be a part of the sister city initiative, and written support from the president of Lublin.

Ms. Barta said that she is impressed with the history of Lublin, as presented, and the support that is represented here today, especially from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. She questioned the local government structure in Lublin.

Ms. Gibelev replied that the local government structure in Lublin is exactly the same as Milwaukee's and Lublin's city head official is interchangeably referred to as either mayor or president. The term president is a more prevalent preference there.

Mr. Vang concurred that he was impressed with the local group behind the initiative and the history of Lublin. He added that having locally owned Polish businesses in Milwaukee can greatly aide first and second generation Polish speaking residents here in the City for which he can relate to in his own experience as a first generation Hmong citizen here in the City.

Ald. Stamper inquired about the role of the Polish American Congress with the Polish community, the main contact for the Polish community in the Milwaukee metro area, and how Ms. Gibelev came to Milwaukee.

Ms. Gibelev responded. She was involved in an exchange program in law school and ended up staying in Milwaukee. The Polish Center in Franklin, Wisconsin is a main place for the local Polish community to go to. The center offers many services for the Polish community. The Polish American Congress is one branch under the Polish Center.

Ald. Stamper added further comments. Perhaps a signing ceremony can happen at the Polish Center. He is receptive of a delegation being extended to go to Lublin, and perhaps Mr. Durtka can assist in coordinating a delegation.

Dr. Donald Pienkos commented on the Polish American Congress. It is a national organization established in 1944 during World War II on behalf of restoring a free and independent Poland as well as democracy through humanitarian and lobbying efforts. The congress played a major role in bringing Poland, the Czech Republic, and

Hungry into NATO alliance as an ally, which started in Milwaukee in 1994 during President Bill Clinton's tenure. The local division of the congress is united with all other congress divisions, the Polish Center, and other Polish groups. The local division, along with support from Ald. Jose Perez, recently helped restore the Kosciuszko monument and the Basilica of St. Josaphat building in Milwaukee. The local division is also involved with Polish Fest and the International Institute of Wisconsin.

Some gifts, Lublin information, and a support letter from President Dr. Krzysztof Żuk of Lublin were submitted to the committee from Ms. Gibelev. Ald. Stamper read into the record the support letter.

Ms. Barta moved to extend a formal application to the Polish American Congress Wisconsin Division for a sister city relationship with Lublin, Poland. There were no objections.

Ald. Stamper spoke on the next procedural steps. The committee will reconvene to review a completed application, once submitted. If approved by the committee, the matter will go before review and approval via a resolution by the Community and Economic Development Committee and Common Council. Once adopted, the resolution would need to be signed by Mayor Tom Barrett. The agreement would then be created followed by a signing ceremony in Milwaukee when both mayors from both cities are able to meet. The relationship becomes official once the agreement is signed by both mayors.

Dr. Donald Pienkos extended an invitation to committee members to attend a Polish Independence Day dinner at the Polish Center on November 6, 2016.

Meeting recessed at 10:59 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

4. Discussion relating to establishing a sister city relationship with Tarime District, Tanzania.

Individual appearing:

Christine Thompson Mosore, Mosorec International Foundation

-Review of Sister City Agreement

Members reviewed draft agreements in both the English and Kiswahili languages between the City of Milwaukee and District of Tarime.

Mr. Vang moved approval of the agreement drafts as presented. There were no objections.

-Coordinating Signing Ceremony and Delegation Visit

Ald. Stamper said that the signing ceremony has been scheduled for Monday, November 7, 2016 at 2 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers in Milwaukee City Hall. The delegation and Tanzanian local community are invited. There should be ethnic foods for the reception, if possible, to accommodate guests. The delegation should tour the City.

Ms. Thompson Mosore said that the Tarime delegation and its mayor have no

objections to the scheduled date of the ceremony and will be present. There are 11 people currently in the delegation, and they will be in Milwaukee for one week from the middle of the first week in November to the middle of the second week in November. Ceremony guests may include local residents from Milwaukee, Chicago, and Chicago. Her foundation will orchestrate tours and host the delegation. Members should share ideas on the places to highlight and visit for the delegation. There is no Tanzanian community center to serve as a venue. There may be interest to have some entertainment during the ceremony, such as a dance performance. A meet and greet session prior to the ceremony would be great for the delegation. She will leave to visit Tarime tomorrow and will share with the delegation there the information discussed today.

Ald. Stampers replied that the delegation should visit downtown, museums, cultural centers, Historical Black Society, Juice Kitchen, Northwestern Mutual, and Miller Coors. He added that he can be contacted via email to give further details and contacts. He can help set up some tours such as with Miller Coors. A dance performance is welcomed to be included as part of the ceremony.

Mr. Durtka said that the destinations chosen should match the places that the delegation wants to visit.

Mr. Lee said that the ceremony schedule follows a typical program with speakers, mayoral comments, exchanging of gifts, signing of agreements, photo session, and a small reception afterwards. If capacity should become an issue, an alternative venue can be sought. The Council Chambers can comfortably host perhaps 50 guests. Entertainment and further small details of the ceremony and its program can be further worked on and fine tuned going forward.

Ms. Thompson Mosore said that the mayor of Tarime District extends an invitation for a delegation from Milwaukee to visit Tarime. Air travel time to Tarime is about 21 hours.

Members replied that they are open to be part of a delegation to Tarime, would have to plan accordingly, and check their schedules once the trip is confirmed to see if it is feasible to be part of the delegation.

Mr. Vang said that the previous committee chairman has arranged and been part of many delegations to Africa.

5. Discussion reviewing the sister city relationship with Carora, Venezuela.

-Review of Notice from Peace Action WI on Discontinuing Local Sponsorship

Ald. Stamper said that there is notice from Peace Action WI referencing its non interest in sponsoring the sister city relationship further and its support for another organization to maintain the relationship.

Mr. Dawson said that through his recent conversation with Danny Pneuman, who was highly involved in the relationship with Peace Action WI, the organization no longer is able to contact or get responses from key persons, including the Venezuelan consulate in Chicago, regarding the relationship. There has been no activity with Carora and the organization since 2015, and the organization has not been administrating any activity for the relationship since 2015. Venezuela is in an economic and political crisis, and engaging with the country would be difficult at this time.

Members discussed that terminating the relationship would be the best interest for the City due to inactivity and the problematic situation in Venezuela.

Mr. Durtka moved to recommend termination of the sister city relationship with Carora, Venezuela due to inactivity, lack of sponsorship, and the crisis situation in Venezuela. There were no objections.

Mr. Lee said that the committee recommendation would procedurally be followed by adoption of a resolution to terminate the relationship through the Common Council process and then a notification letter to be sent to the Mayor of Carora.

Ald. Stamper said for Ms. Fletcher to work on the resolution and letter.

6. Discussion on the Sister Cities Committee relative to its goals, purpose, and activities.

-Review of Member Recommendations

Ald. Stamper made initial remarks. The committee has discussed recommendations at the previous meeting regarding making improvements to the committee and its activities going forward. The committee should discuss initial goals to complete in the short term as a first step that will lead to completing long term goals.

Mr. Durtka said that one goal is to reintroduce the City's presence and its sister city relationships to Sister Cities International (SCI). He was the only one to attend the recent annual SCI conference and vote, on behalf of the City and the committee, to electronically elect the board of directors of SCI and by law changes there. Anticipated are new initiatives from SCI due to new chairmanship from the SCI board. Also anticipated are more SCI activities taking place with the National League of Cities.

Mr. Durtka said another goal is to look at how other cities are relating to their sister cities. There could be a statewide sister city annual meeting held in Milwaukee where the committee can be involved and meet other sister city program representatives from other parts of Wisconsin to have conversations about success and difficulties of each other's programs.

Ms. Barta concurred about establishing the City's presence within SCI nationally and within the state locally.

Mr. Durtka said that there is a current problem of the committee being aware of SCI activities. Information should come from the Mayor's office to the committee chairperson. Due to recent changes in the committee, SCI information has not been properly channeled as such. There needs to be determination of who is responsible to be the source of information on SCI activities and updating the City's sister city information to SCI.

Mr. Vang said the committee needs to determine how to administer the program further and be more proactive to make sister city relationships have a presence locally and nationally.

Ald. Stamper questioned the suggestion of hosting the next SCI conference in Milwaukee.

Mr. Durtka said that the next SCI annual conference will occur in Virginia Beach for 2017. He will find out and report back to the committee on the next opportunity to bid to host a conference.

Ald. Stamper said that Paul Upchurch from VISIT Milwaukee should attend the next committee meeting to discuss the capacity for the City to host an annual SCI conference. The purpose to host the conference is to bring more awareness of the City's sister city relationships and program to its citizens locally and outside.

7. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting.

Ald. Stamper said that the next meeting agenda items should include review of the sister city relationship application for Lublin, Poland, if submitted; review of sister city annual reports from local sponsors that are due; discussion with VISIT Milwaukee on hosting an annual SCI conference; discussion on the short term goals of the committee; and an update on coordinating the signing ceremony with Tarime District, Tanzania, if necessary.

8. Set Next Meeting Date and Time.

The next meeting date and time was not set.

9. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Exhibit D

MEETING MINUTES FROM 9-21-16



City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
53202

Meeting Minutes

SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

ALD. RUSSELL W. STAMPER, II, CHAIR
Al Durtka, Tiffany Barta, Oscar Tovar and Charles Vang
Staff Assistant, Chris Lee, 286-2232, Fax: 286-3456,
clee@milwaukee.gov
Legislative Liaison, La-Wanda Fletcher, 286-8661,
lfletc@milwaukee.gov

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

10:00 AM

Room 301-A, Third Floor, City Hall

1. Call to Order.

Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m.

Present (5) - Vang, Tovar, Barta, Durtka, Stamper

Mr. Vang joined the committee at 10:14 a.m. during consideration of agenda item 3.

Individuals also present:

2. Review of the Meeting Minutes from August 11, 2016.

Ms. Barta moved approval, seconded by Mr. Durtka, of the meeting minutes from August 11, 2016. There were no objections from those members present.

3. Discussion relating to establishing a sister city relationship or friendly exchange relationship with Daegu, South Korea.

-Review of Letter of Intent

Individuals appearing:

Dean Amhaus, Water Council

Preston Cole, Department of Neighborhood Services

Erick Shambarger, Environmental Collaboration Office

Mr. Amhaus gave an overview. The Water Council would serve as the local nonprofit organization on the Milwaukee side for the sister city relationship with Daegu, South Korea. The Water Council was established in 2009 with collaboration between public, private, and academic sectors to find and link innovative water solutions to global water technology industries. The council is headquartered in Milwaukee, has become the leading water technology cluster in the United States, and has received high attention internationally. The council has had relationships abroad with France, Netherlands, Germany, and Israel. The council has developed a significant consultant relationship with Daegu for the last two years. Daegu officials have visited Milwaukee several times. South Korea has invested hundreds of millions of dollars to develop its water technology sector and make Daegu its water center. Aside from the water economic exchange, a sister city relationship would also allow for cultural exchange. Commissioner Cole and Mayor Tom Barrett are on the council's board of

directors. Daegu will hold a large water conference soon, but he and others on the council are unable to travel and attend it.

Mr. Cole added comments. The mayor of Daegu had recently visited Milwaukee and Mayor Barrett. Resulting from that meeting was a signed accord for water technology exchange. Daegu is seeking the Water Council and the City for wisdom to create the same kind of water technology project that Milwaukee has in Daegu. Daegu had received \$300 million from its president for its water project. Milwaukee should be the world's most water centric city and align partners around the world. Elizabeth Hittman, as staff from the ECO office, has been embedded at the Water Council building.

Members inquired about a larger local committee behind the relationship aside from government and Daegu's equivalent to the Water Council.

Mr. Amhaus replied. The Water Council would take the lead on the relationship, does not have the capacity to extend the relationship to a cultural standpoint, and would welcome additional partners to support the cultural side. The City of Daegu would be the counterpart to the Water Council since its respective water council is in-house as opposed to being an outside nonprofit agency. Government oftentimes leads as opposed to the private sector across the world. Daegu wants to duplicate Milwaukee's global water center and global water business park, which is a TIFF supported by the City. Mayor Barrett has a priority to make Milwaukee a water centric city and to embrace water in the community. There has been entertainment celebrating water, which should occur more. There will be more sister city relationship requests coming based on water exchange.

Mr. Cole replied. Daegu and South Korea want to be a water centric center in Pan-Asia, which there is concern over clean and fresh water. Governments and regional governments are usually responsible for regional water supply systems and water treatment systems. The mayor of Daegu visits Milwaukee annually to encourage partnerships with commercial business operations in water technology.

Mr. Shambarger commented. His office is the City entity supporting the relationship and would work with the Water Council and other nonprofit groups, such as Water Commons, to celebrate water. The City needs to maximize its natural resource in water and make it apparent to visitors. The need for a cultural component is understood and will be worked on.

Mr. Vang joined the committee at 10:14 a.m.

Members said that they support the proposal with the need to include the cultural piece later.

Mr. Durtka made comments. The City needs to share with the international community its water technology activities. The theme for the Holiday Folk Fair is celebrating water. The fair needs the Water Council's assistance. Senegal is in early discussions to build a sister city with possibly Milwaukee due to its interest in water.

Mr. Amhaus said that the Water Council will have its annual water summit in May 2017. The summit generally attracts 350 people and is growing in terms of international visitors.

Mr. Tovar said that a signing ceremony may best occur to coincide with the water summit in Milwaukee, as noted, if the relationship is progressed.

Mr. Durtka moved to extend a sister city relationship application to the Water Council to establish a sister city relationship with Daegu, South Korea. Mr. Tovar seconded. There were no objections.

4. Review and Status of Annual Reports from Local Sponsors

-Galway Ireland

Representatives from Irish Festivals could not attend.

Individual appearing:

Paul Upchurch, VISIT Milwaukee

Ald. Stamper said that Irish Fest is the main component to the relationship with Galway, Milwaukee is a city of festivals, the committee should attend festivals such as Irish Fest better, and staff should help obtain a list of City festivals for members to have.

Mr. Upchurch made remarks. His organization can assist in forwarding a list of City festivals. Irish Fest is the largest of its kind in the country, has existed many years, draws entertainment locally and from Ireland, brings in Ireland dignitaries, and positively impacts the local Irish community and businesses. The fest is an important connection to Ireland and is organized by a festival committee and marketing group that does fundraising.

Mr. Tovar moved acceptance and approval, seconded by Mr. Vang, of the 2016 annual report for the sister city relationship with Galway, Ireland. There were no objections.

-Medan, Indonesia

Individuals appearing:

Fessahaye Mebrahtu, Pan African Community Association

Khay Khong, Pan African Community Association & Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation

Mr. Khong gave an update. The report consists of 2015 and 2016 activities. There was initial little activity since the October 2014 agreement signing due to Indonesian elections. Events and collaboration are summarized in the report. Trade is a focus in benefiting Medan. Milwaukee has the talent and background in manufacturing, water technology, education, and cultural exchange. He works at the Global Water Center and has close connection to the water technology community. He's a board member of PACA, which is the sponsoring organization that assists in refugee resettlements for both Africans and Asians. His day job is a market development director for Asia at the WEDC. He will continue to work closely with the Indonesian consulate office in Chicago as well as its trade center. The local Indonesian community needs to be more active in promoting their culture and had a presence at the Holiday Folk Fair in the 1980s. There is hope that participation in the fair can occur again with the younger Indonesian sect.

Ald. Stamper said that a discussion should occur to hold a get-together event, with entertainment, bringing the sister city relationship communities together to network and socialize. Outreach will be done towards the local sponsoring organizations.

Ms. Barta moved acceptance and approval, seconded by Mr. Durtka, of the 2015 and 2016 annual report for the sister city relationship with Medan, Indonesia. There were

no objections.

-uMhlathuze, South Africa

Individuals appearing:

Fessahaye Mebrahtu, Pan African Community Association

Paulette Bangura, Pan African Community Association

Mr. Mebrahtu gave an update. PACA is again the sponsoring agency. The point person is Magugu Davis, who could not attend this meeting. She will continue to work on this relationship. The report is satisfactory, and he has nothing further to add. Real work behind this relationship and others that PACA is sponsoring is through community groups. The relationship was renewed a few years ago and is in its second term.

Ald. Stamper inquired about the quality of water in uMhlathuze and said that water assistance there should be a focus of the relationship.

Mr. Mebrahtu said that portable water and purified water is a need in uMhlathuze and is lacking there. There was a water pipe project there years ago. There are central points for people to travel to acquire water generally in Africa as water cannot be pulled to every house.

Ms. Bangura said she is in support of the relationship and have been to South Africa and several other African countries.

Mr. Vang moved acceptance and approval of the 2016 annual report for the sister city relationship with uMhlathuze, South Africa. There were no objections.

-Bomet County, Kenya

Individuals appearing:

Fessahaye Mebrahtu, Pan African Community Association

Dr. Alice Kones

David Mugun

Paulette Bangura, Pan African Community Association

Dr. Kones gave an update. Since the agreement signing in November 2015, both cities are still in the planning phase to learn from each other. She is from a small village in Bomet County and knows of the challenge there, especially concerning water. She is trying to fundraise to build a well back in Bomet. She is working with the Rotary of Illinois and will plan to meet the Water Council for collaboration. There is no running water in Bomet, and the water source there is from nearby rivers. People and children, who sometimes miss school, walk with small buckets to get water from the rivers. The rivers are used also for bathing and by livestock. \$15,000 has been collected. A well there costs about \$30,000. There will be a fundraiser on October 22, 2016 organized by the Milwaukee African Women's Association (MILAWA).

Mr. Mugun said that of importance is to also have medical exchange relative to doctors, basic supplies, equipment, relationships with local hospitals in Milwaukee, and fire equipment.

Ms. Bangura added that the fundraiser is an annual one and will focus on supplying sanitary products to eastern and southern Africa. Further information will be forwarded to members.

Ms. Barta said that she can give some contacts on professional medical exchanges through the higher education schools in Milwaukee, such as the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee.

Members made comments. There should be an export of Bomet's agriculture to the United States, such as organic avocado, and an import of water and health technology to Bomet. The committee may assist in fundraising possibly through a get-together event that was mentioned earlier in the committee meeting. The rotary club in Milwaukee and Engineers without Borders, a local collegiate coalition, should be approached on the water needs.

Dr. Kones and Mr. Mugun added comments. Avocado is very cheap at 5 schillings, less than a penny, in Bomet. It can be exported to the United States and remain fresh since exports have been done to Europe and South Africa. She has had initially conversation with the rotary club in Milwaukee. The club had a different area of focus for the year, but she will approach the club again. There is thought to join the rotary club in Milwaukee.

Mr. Durtka moved acceptance and approval of the 2016 annual report for the sister city relationship with Bomet County, Kenya. There were no objections.

Mr. Durka suggested that there be a standard annual reporting format developed in terms of requested information. Areas of focus could include current local sponsor leadership information and progress in areas of education, economic, and cultural exchanges. A standard format will better track the relationships, measure success, and track real activity.

Ald. Stamper concurred and said that the reports given today had different narratives and were all different types of reports.

Mr. Lee said that a standard annual report form or format can be established and brought back for review by the committee.

5. Discussion on Capacity and Hosting a Sister Cities International Annual Conference.

Individuals appearing:

Paul Upchurch, VISIT Milwaukee

Jeff Baryenbruch, VISIT Milwaukee

Mr. Upchurch gave remarks. VISIT Milwaukee has a team whose job is to identify conferences and conventions; solicit the organizers; work to make them happen in Milwaukee; and contract with hotels, vendors, and venues. Milwaukee has the capacity with 5000 hotel rooms downtown, 189,000 square feet of exhibit space, 260,000 square feet of total meeting space in the convention center, and can host differently sized events. Hosting conferences and conventions positively benefits the City with national and international exposure as well as economic activity, such as participants opening offices here. His organization needs to do some research on specific conference needs are such as the number of hotel rooms and space. Contact with the planner and team of the conference would need to occur. Local support is helpful as an initial step and invitation to work towards hosting a conference. Mr. Durtka can make that introduction to SCI. His team will report back to the committee to strategize and determine if hosting an annual conference is doable.

Mr. Durtka said that there was a proposal from Milwaukee to host a SCI annual conference some years ago but ultimately lost out to Minneapolis due to the poor

quality of the proposal and presentation that was done, which was a four-page fax document. Minneapolis had a full production presentation. The selection committee at that time had strong interest to come to Milwaukee as opposed to a typical bigger city. There may be an economic issue going forward with hosting annual conferences outside of SCI's headquarters in Washington D.C. It may be cheaper for the annual conference to stay in Washington D.C. rather than moving resources out of its headquarters to host a conference elsewhere. An annual conference typically has 300 to 500 participants and can be very larger and vibrant. The conference has in the past resulted in major grants given to two sister city relationships, one for the City and one for the County, involving hospital water project. The water issue can be very powerful for this conference.

Ald. Stamper said that the local sponsor to the Tarime District, Tanzania pending sister city relationship will want to connect with VISIT Milwaukee to organize activities for a Tarime delegation who will be visiting Milwaukee for the upcoming sister city signing ceremony.

Mr. Tovar questioned other peer city relationships that VISIT Milwaukee has within the country.

Mr. Upchurch and Baryenbruch replied. VISIT Milwaukee has an important, strong long standing relationship with Pittsburgh and Portland to sponsor events for each other's clients.

6. Discussion on the Sister Cities Committee relative to its goals, purpose, and activities.

-Review of Short Term Goals

Ald. Stamper gave initial remarks. The discussion is ongoing. The committee should narrow goals down to three main goals to accomplish for the short term including making the City's sister city program have a presence. He will have a discussion with clerk staff and the city clerk on possibly creating a position to help the goal of having a presence, do outreach, connect with current relationships on an ongoing basis, and be aware of the activities of current relationships.

Mr. Lee concurred and said that there has been discussion in previous meetings to implement a more active sister city program on the City's end, acquire capacity, and implement goals. The meeting with Ald. Stamper will be about what possible capacity can be acquired.

Mr. Durtka said that alternative options should be looked at with a look at what other cities have done. Some coordinating committees are within city government and others are not, such as in Chicago which provides city funds to an outside organization to coordinate activities. Agencies may best keep sister city efforts going since administrations and government priority changes. This matter was discussed a number of years ago and is a good direction to go into.

Members further commented in favor of adding capacity. Further capacity would support and maintain relationships, bring consistency, make Milwaukee competitive, adds presence, streamlines communication, connect with relationships, and make the program more active. Perhaps a budget and funds should be acquired. Adding capacity should be an ongoing discussion for the committee going forward.

7. Update on establishing a Sister City Relationship with Tarime District, Tanzania.

Ald. Stamper said that the next step to establish the relationship is a signing ceremony that will occur on Monday, November 7, 2016 at 2 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall. The event will include food, dancing, music, and networking. Members are encouraged to attend.

Mr. Durtka said that a firetruck was donated to Morogoro, Tanzania in the past as part of that sister city relationship which has expired. The challenge with the donation was the transport of the truck and missing essential equipment upon delivery.

Mr. Tovar said that other countries has approached his office to donate garbage trucks, which many are repurposed in the Department of Public Works.

8. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting.

Individual appearing:

Joanna Gibelev, Polish American Congress - Wisconsin Division

Ms. Gibelev made brief remarks. She is still completing the sister city relationship application to establish a sister city relationship with Lublin, Poland and will submit that once the application has sufficient substance. She had requested to pull the application review from today's meeting agenda. Many important and historic Polish events will be commencing soon. Members are invited to the Polish Independence and Veterans Day event at the Polish Community Center in Franklin, Wisconsin in early November.

9. Set Next Meeting Date and Time.

Ald. Stamper said that the next meeting, if needed, would occur in November 2016 after the City's budget process.

10. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Chris Lee, Staff Assistant

Exhibit E

SUMMARY OF GOALS AND PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS

Sister Cities Committee Member Recommendations
June 16, 2016 Meeting

Change Mindset to International

- Make Milwaukee an international hub city like other major cities, such as Chicago
 - Increase offerings, services, and dealings with many cultures as opposed to a select few
 - Connect and unite ethnic groups
- Emphasize that relationships are joint partnerships as opposed to being one-sided

Increase Public Awareness

- Enhance the promotion, marketing, and publicizing of the City's sister cities program and relationships to acquire public understanding and awareness of the values and benefits of the program and relationships
- Hold cultural events and festivities to acquire cultural awareness, which will lead to business opportunities
- Bid on hosting a future SCI annual conference
 - Involve VISIT Milwaukee

Acquire capacity

- Funds via the City's budget
- Creation of a sister city department
- Acquire grants locally and nationally from SCI and other sources

Utilize resources and assets

- Leverage local assets, primarily water
- Capitalize on local corporate headquarters, businesses, and partners
- Involve youths and young professionals:
 - Student exchanges
 - Internships
 - Youth council

Future Committee Tasks

- Invite Samuel Dawson from the International Institute of Wisconsin to present information to assist the City to be more international at a future meeting
- Invite Paul Upchurch from VISIT Milwaukee to a future meeting
- Each member to find a possible sister city

Create or amend legislation

- Amend the city ordinance or create legislation as necessary to carry out the committee's goals

Exhibit F

SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP ANNUAL REPORTS

Bomet County, Kenya

Galway, Ireland

Medan, Indonesia

uMhlathuze, South Africa

Zadar, Croatia

SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP PROGRAM



Annual Progress Report (APR)

Report Type: Annual Report

Date of Agreement Signing: 21st July 2015

Period ending: 31st July 2016

Prepared for:

Sister Cities Committee

Milwaukee

Prepared by:

Wesley Kipkemoi Sigei

Resource Mobilization & Investment Unit

County Government of Bomet:

19-20400 Bomet

Bomet

1.0. Introduction

The first year of the sister cities relationship ushered in a phase of planning and design for the implementation framework for the partnership. Upon the signing the County government of Bomet focused on unpacking the requirements in the partnership with a view of developing a workable activity plan and expanding the partnership network both locally and internationally.

The Sister City Program, administered by Sister Cities International®, was initiated by the President of the United States of America in 1956 to encourage greater friendship and understanding between the United States and other nations through direct personal contact. As part of promoting this program, the City of Milwaukee in USA and the County Government of Bomet in Kenya entered into a partnership agreement on the 21st of July 2015. Tom Barrett- Mayor of Milwaukee and H.E Hon. Isaac Ruto, EGH signed the partnership. Bomet County and Milwaukee share a common interest in areas of education, health, culture and business and the desire to promote mutual understanding among its citizens. The people of Milwaukee and Bomet County in a gesture of friendship and goodwill, agreed to collaborate for the mutual benefit of their communities by exploring educational, economic and cultural opportunities; and agreed to support and encourage opportunities for mutually beneficial practical exchanges in the fields of business, culture, health care, education and tourism.



H.E Hon. Isaac Ruto EGH with Tom Barrett -Mayor of Milwaukee during the Signing Ceremony



1.1. Overall Objective

To foster and encourage greater friendship and understanding between the City of Milwaukee in United States and the County Government of Bomet in Kenya through direct personal contact.

2.0.Partnership Achievements

2.1. Strengthening of Bomet Development Trust (BDT)

As part of implementation of the partnership, The County Government of Bomet established and strengthened Bomet Development Trust (BDT). BDT has been tasked to develop an implementation framework for the partnership and explore avenues for expanding the partnership to include among other things infrastructural works. The Trust is run and

managed by a Board of Directors and a Chief Executive officer. The main objectives of the Trust are:

- To promote social, economic and cultural development of the Residents of Bomet County
- Within the framework of the foregoing, the Trust shall have the following principal objectives that are in line with the Sister Cities Relationship;
 - To promote economic activities (trade, commerce and ICT)
 - To promote quality education
 - To promote healthcare
 - To promote access to clean drinking water
 - To promote access to quality housing
 - To promote modern agriculture and
 - To promote infrastructure development (roads, electricity, etc)

The Trust is an independent entity and has a functional office with its own budget. It now provides a favorable environment as a conduit for mobilizing resources locally and internationally for the benefit of the residents of Bomet. By the time of development this annual progress report, the Trust is working on a five-year strategic plan that will see the smooth operation of the sister city relationship, the progress of which will be reflected in the next reporting period.

2.2. Improving Longisa County Referral Hospital

Part of the main focus for the Sister City relationship is to improve access to improved medical facilities. The County Government of Bomet has invested a lot of resources in improving Longisa referral hospital to rival other level 5 hospital. At the moment the hospital has installed modern medical facilities such as Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Dialysis machine, X-Ray machines and modern eye clinic unit. As part of the implementation of the partnership agreement, the Medical college of Wisconsin is seeking partnership with longisa hospital for exchange training programmes.

2.3. Partnership with Kenya Society for the Blind (KSB) and Nairobi South C Rotary Club

The County Government of Bomet has signed a partnership agreement with Kenya Society for the Blind (KSB) and Nairobi South C Rotary Club to meet the requisite conditions for mobilization of resource and implementation of programs as envisaged in the Sister City Relationship. The main focus of the partnership will include;

- Establishing institutions and provide resources needed to provide social assistance to the various target populations amongst Person With Disabilities (PWDs)
- Ensuring that the county has designs and implementation plans of all programmes and development approaches are coordinated to enhance habilitation and rehabilitation programmes for persons with disabilities.
- Strengthening and scaling up existing social assistance programmes while widening their geographical and demographic coverage of beneficiaries.
- Putting in place institutional frameworks for coordinating social assistance to ensure consistent and adequate levels of support.
- Conducting periodic reviews of instruments and strategies to reach the poor based on standards agreed upon by stakeholders such as ease of implementation, effectiveness in targeting, cost-effectiveness, and the impact on the welfare and livelihoods of the beneficiaries.
- Conducting research to inform the implementation of social assistance interventions on areas such as targeting, the adequacy of the transfer value, delivery mechanisms, social rights, and community/beneficiary participation.
- Determining the appropriate graduation and exit strategies for the different interventions while helping stakeholders to develop standards to be used to assess the appropriateness of these strategies.



H.E Hon Isaac Ruto EGH During the Signing of MOU With Kenya Society for the Blind and Rotary Club



Juliana Kivasu Director Kenya Society for the Blind during the Signing of MOU with County Government of Bomet

Going forward, Nairobi South C Rotary Club will provide an avenue for resource mobilization internationally. The main focus will be mainly water infrastructure and this is in line with what the water council of Milwaukee envision to do.

2.4. Improving community water infrastructure

The County Government has improved access to clean and affordable water by reviving stalled community water projects, initiating new water infrastructure and improving of spring protections to expand water command area. However, much needs to be done in this sector and the City of Milwaukee will come in handy in mobilizing more resource for water infrastructure and water quality control and surveillance. Milwaukee water council will

therefore be requested to support in setting up of modern water purification units.

2.5. Strengthening Resource Mobilization and Investment Unit

To leverage resource and tap on available opportunities, the County Government of Bomet has developed a detailed investment handbook that captures on the sister city relationship. The handbook provides detailed highlights on investment opportunities within the county and mechanisms for engagement. Once the handbook is launched by H.E Hon Governor, it will be shared with the City of Milwaukee as a tool for fundraising for the projects.

3.0. Implementation Plan

S/N	Activity	Sub activities
1	Improve Business Opportunities	Milwaukee to provide training for small and Medium Enterprises
		BDT to identify the activities of Youth Groups and Women Groups within the County and develop proposals for capacity building.
2	Strengthen Cultural exchange	BDT to develop a concept on the establishment of Bomet Cultural Centre
3	Improve Healthcare facilities	Milwaukee to mobilize for donations of Hospital Equipment. Exchange program between Wisconsin Medical Hospital and Longisa referral hospital
		Rehabilitation Centre could be established in Bomet to help rehabilitate drug addicts.
4	Increase access to Education	Academic exchange programs Provide scholarships for bright students – for academics and athletics Provide mentorship for girls in science and technology Books and sports donations to equip libraries & football clubs
5	Improve tourism attraction sites	Map tourist destination sites within the County

CONTACTS:

1. Wesley Kipkemoi Sigei

Senior Director ICT, Training, Industry and Resource Mobilization

County Government of Bomet,

Email: wesley.sigei@gmail.com

Tel: +254-729325002

2. Ben Siele

Ag. Chief Executive Officer

Bomet Development Trust (BDT)

Email: benben.siele@gmail.com

Tel: +254-722252575



July 15, 2016

Mr. Chris Lee
200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI

Re: Galway, Ireland Sister City 2015 and 2016 Annual Reports

The Board of Directors of CelticMKE (Home of Milwaukee Irish Fest) respectfully encourage the City of Milwaukee to maintain the sister city relationship with Galway, Ireland. We continue to have a close relationship with our friends in Galway. Keith Finnegan, of Galway Bay Radio, is our primary contact with the Spirit of Galway. This very active organization dedicated to promoting Galway sends a delegation to Irish Fest annually. In 2015, the delegation comprised of over twenty people, including the Galway Mayor, City Manager and business leaders.

Our relationship with Alderman Michael Murphy has been extremely helpful in maintaining our ties with Galway. An annual reception held in the Common Council Chambers has become a tradition as well as an opportunity to develop contacts between the two cities.

CelticMKE Board members visit Galway on every trip to Ireland. They meet with Keith Finnegan, are interviewed on Galway Bay FM, and renew relationships with business and community leaders.

We have already made two visits to Galway in 2016. In January, our current Board President, Linda Clark Klibowitz and past president, Cathy Ward were guests on the Keith Finnigan show on Galway Bay FM and met with both the County Mayor and the City Mayor.

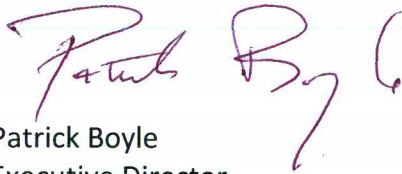
Ireland, and particularly the West Coast of Ireland, was overwhelmed with many violent storms and extensive flooding this past year. Ireland is struggling with solutions to flooding problems and we discussed opportunities that perhaps Milwaukee officials could help with.



Later in 2016, Past President Colleen Kennedy and Cathy Ward again traveled to Galway and met with the new Galway City Mayor Noel Larkin to give him a better understanding of our organization. They also discussed ways to further build on our sister city relationship. He will be coming to Milwaukee with the Galway contingent that comes annually to Milwaukee Irish Fest and also meet business and government leaders in Milwaukee. Later on the visit, Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Ward were also interviewed on the popular Keith Finnegan show on Galway Bay FM. They also met with officials and there will be a high ranking Irish politician coming to Milwaukee Irish Fest as well. This will be announced at a later date.

We continue our outreach to Ireland with a continued focus on our relationship with the City of Galway. Thank you for allowing this sister city partnership to continue. We value this relationship and appreciate your support. We are very willing to help provide any assistance to City of Milwaukee officials or representatives traveling to Galway, or anywhere in Ireland, and would be happy to make introductions to Galway business leaders as well as elected officials.

Sincerely,



Patrick Boyle
Executive Director
CelitcMKE

(Home of Milwaukee Irish Fest)

Milwaukee-Medan Sister City Relationship

Report for 2015 – 2016

By: Khay Khong, Milwaukee contact for the Milwaukee-Medan sister city relationship

Pan African Community Association

**4063 North 64th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53216**

Date: September 19th, 2016

Background

The Milwaukee-Medan Sister City relationship agreement was signed on 30th October 2014. It was signed by Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and Medan Mayor Dzulmi Eldin at the Milwaukee City Hall.

The non-profit organization representing the Milwaukee side is the Pan African Community Association (PACA). The Medan side is represented by the Medan Chamber of Commerce, headed by the Mr. Rudi Zulham Hasibuan.

This is the combined annual report for 2015 and 2016.

Achievements and Areas of Cooperation

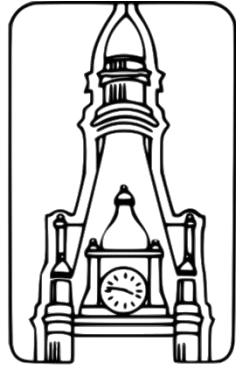
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) signed a MoU with University of North Sumatera (Universitas Sumatera Utara or USU) in October 2014. It was signed in Medan by UWM's Dean of Graduate Studies, Dr. Marija Gajdardziska-Josifoska and The Director of USU Prof. Syahril Pasaribu. Both universities will promote education exchange, research, training and technology transfer. USU is the largest and most prestigious public university on the island of Sumatera.
- UWM is also collaborating with University of HKBP Nommensen (UHN) in 2015. This project is led by Dr. Marija Gajdardziska-Josifoska. This is a top private university with campuses in Medan and Permatangsiantar, a town close to Lake Toba. The university is affiliated with the Batak Christian Protestant Church and is named after a German missionary Ludwig Nommensen.
- The Indonesian Consulate hosted a business summit in Milwaukee in June 2014 to promote trade between Wisconsin and Indonesia. The Consulate also invited business leaders and the Milwaukee-Medan sister city team to the Indonesian Expo in Jakarta in October 2014. Part of the delegation also visited Medan and Lake Toba.
- An Indonesian dinner and social was hosted by the Pan -African Community Association (PACA) at the Knickerbocker Hotel in Milwaukee on April 10th 2015. This event was well-attended. The event was to encourage the local community to utilize the Milwaukee-Medan sister city relationship for collaborations in trade and culture. The event was organized by Ms. Benevolentia Wandana and Mr. Khay Khong.
- Mr. Andi Siahaan from the Indonesian Diaspora Network is actively promoting Wisconsin's water technology to Medan authorities. He garnered a lot of attention in the Indonesian media. He met the Mayor of Medan Dzulmi Eldin, Mr. Rudi Zulham from the Medan Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Robert Ewing from the US Commercial Service in March 2015. Mr. Siahaan, originally from the Lake Toba area, followed up with a number of visits to Indonesia.
- The Indonesian Consulate of the Midwest region hosted "Harmony in Diversity", a major cultural performance in Milwaukee on December 13th 2015. It featured over a 100 Indonesian performers and guest performers from UWM Peck School of the Arts. The event showcased

dances and costumes from various regions of Indonesia never seen before in Wisconsin. The Indonesian Consulate presented this extravaganza to mark the first anniversary of the sister city relationship.

- The Consul General Andriana Supandy who was instrumental in the formation this sister city relationship visited Lt. Governor Kleefisch on December 8th in Milwaukee. The purpose of the visit to promote trade between Wisconsin and Indonesia. The Consul General also visited Secretary Ben Brancel of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) in Madison. Agricultural products are major exports from Wisconsin to Indonesia. Other exports include heavy machinery, scientific and medical equipment, electrical equipment and plastics. Top exports from Indonesia include textiles, rubber products, tin, seafood, footwear, and electrical equipment. The Indonesian visitors also went to Clock Shadow Creamery, an urban cheese maker. Cheese consumption is growing in Indonesia, especially among younger consumers.
- Consul General Andriana Supandy and representatives from the Indonesian Trade Promotion Center visited Mr. Dean Amhaus of the Water Council the Global Water Center on February 24th 2016. They were seeking collaboration between Indonesia and the Water Council on water technology projects. The delegation also visited local coffee roaster, Colectivo and Stone Creek, and the Spice House, a local purveyor of spices. Indonesia produces the best quality coffee bean and spices.
- Representatives from the Indonesian Ministry of Trade visited Milwaukee in August as part of their study on the rubber glove industry. They visited a local pharmacy chain Hayat and interviewed the purchasing manager.
- Milwaukee Metropolitan Association of Commerce's World Trade Association (WTA) is planning to host a business seminar on Indonesia. They are collaborating with the Indonesian Trade Promotion Center.

Other Possibilities for Exchange and Cooperation

- Indonesia is an archipelago of over 13,000 islands. The country is experiencing industrialization and high population growth. Efficient power and energy is crucial for its success. It will timely to connect Milwaukee-based energy consortium Midwest Energy Research Consortium (M-WERC) with the Indonesia.
- Agriculture and food processing have been strength of the state. Young Indonesians are developing a taste for modern dining options and packaged goods. Wisconsin food processing equipment, franchises and packaged foods may do well in Indonesia. Conversely, Indonesia is a top producer of agricultural products such as spices, natural health products and coffee. Indonesian cuisine is virtually unknown here. Jamu, Indonesia's answer to Ayurveda medicine is obscure here but could be the next big thing.
- Medan is Milwaukee's only Asian sister city. Both Wisconsin and Sumatera have a lot of offer in terms of tourism. Wisconsin Department of Tourism could collaborate with Indonesian Ministry of Tourism.
- Cultural exchange could be used to promote the sister city relationship to the community. For example, Indonesia could be featured at local Asian festivals or at the Holiday Folk Fair. As the Indonesian community in Milwaukee is small, it is highly beneficial to include other Asian groups. Members of these Asian communities could be encourage to explore the opportunities of trading with Indonesian counterparts. The Hmong community originated from Southeast Asia and is likely identify with the cultural similarities with Indonesia. Many in the Myanmar community learned to speak Indonesian in Malaysia before moving Wisconsin.
- During the visit to Medan in October 2014, the Milwaukee delegation learned about Medan's ambitious expansion of their seaport Belawan. The Port of Milwaukee is also expanding. Shorter and economical shipping routes between Milwaukee and Medan could be established. This could increase Wisconsin exports such as agricultural products and machinery to Indonesia and other parts of Southeast Asia.



**City
of
Milwaukee**



CITY OF
UMHLATHUZE
VISION INTO ACTION

**UMHLATHUZE
MILWAUKEE
SISTER CITY
REPORT**

June 21, 2016

0LAST PRESENTATION....WAY FORWARD

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



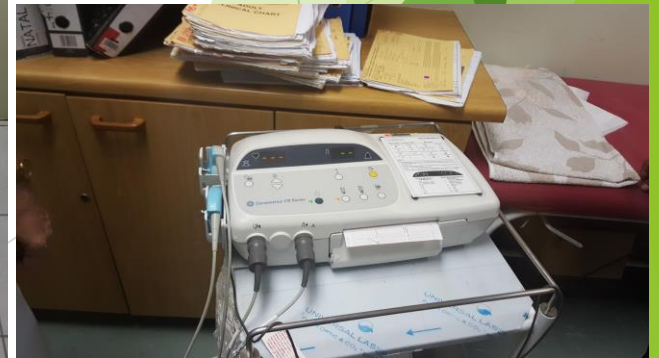
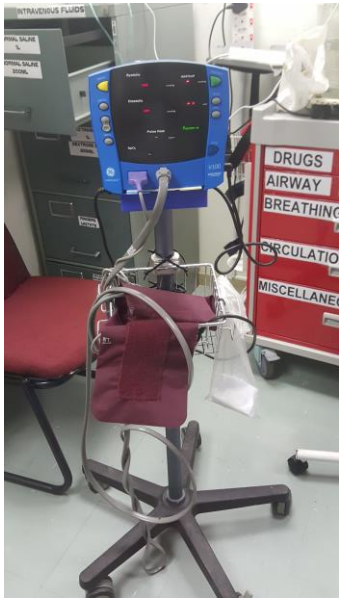
University of Wisconsin Milwaukee (UWM) and University of Zululand (UNIZULU) Relationship

Presenters in the LIS Education session on September 8, 2016 at the University of Zululand Department of Information Studies 17th annual conference,

L-R: Chiku Mnubi-Mchombu, PhD (UniZulu), Coordinator/Senior Documentarist, Human Rights and Documentation Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Namibia, Shana Ponelis, PhD (UP), Assistant Professor, School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and Jaya Raju, PhD (UKZN), Associate Professor and Head of the Library and Information Studies Centre, University of Cape Town.



Medical Equipment Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation \$30,000. value



BUSINESS DELEGATION TO SOUTH AFRICA



8 businesses from Milwaukee and Chairperson of Sister Cities, Ald Joe Davis, Sr. attended a business delegation to South Africa in February 2016.

The delegation was supported by WEDC and M7.

The delegates visited 3 cities: Johannesburg, Durban and uMhlathuze. Businesses attended a seminar/marketplace organized by the Trade and Investment of KwaZulu Natal and a business dinner hosted by the Mayor of

Richards Bay/ uMhlatuze | Naval Island



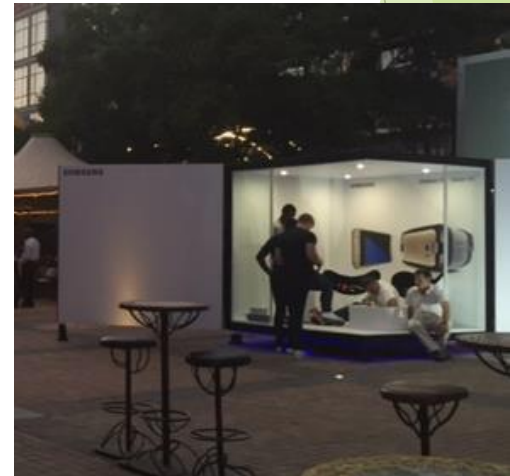
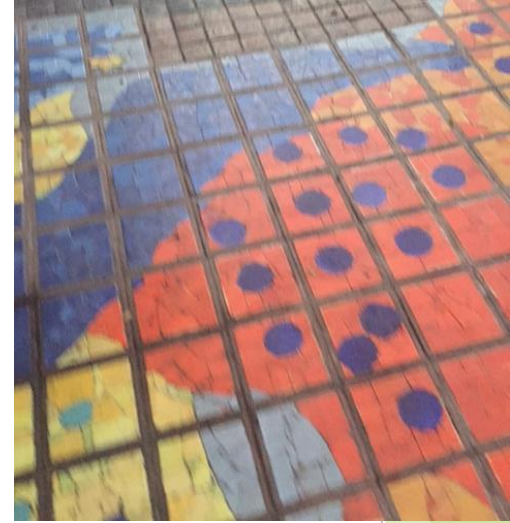
Shakaland



Johannesburg/ Apartheid Museum



Melrose Arch



Soweto



Sandton



Milwaukee Business Owners





Pan-African Community Association

4063 N. 64th St. Unit A

Milwaukee, WI 53216

Tel.: 414-442-5864 – Fax: 414-535-8829

E-mail: Fmebrahtu@panafricoma.org – www.panafricoma.org

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.