

SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

2008 Annual Report

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



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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 2008)

CHAIR

Ald. Joe Davis., Sr.

MEMBERS

Kathy Blair

(representative of Commissioner of Health, Bevan Baker)

Daisy Cubias

(representative of Mayor Tom Barrett)

Alexander Durtka, Jr.

(representative of the International Institute of Wisconsin)

Charles Vang

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

Staff

Ms. Terry J. MacDonald, Staff Assistant

Ms. Charlotte Rodriguez, Council File Specialist

Committee meetings held in 2008:

February 25, 2008

March 24, 2008

April 2, 2008

September 24, 2008

Accomplishments in 2008

At the February 25, 2008, Sister Cities Committee meeting, the committee reviewed the renewal application received for Galway, Ireland from Irish Festivals, Inc. After reviewing the application the committee moved to renew the relationship.

The committee also recommended moving forward with the requests to invite uMhlathuze, South Africa and Manisa, Turkey to submit formal applications for a sister city relationship with the City of Milwaukee.

At the March 18, 2008, the Common Council adopted File Number 071505 - Substitute resolution renewing the sister city relationship between Milwaukee and Galway, Ireland. On August 15, 2008, the City held a Sister City agreement signing ceremony between Milwaukee and Galway, Ireland.

At the March 24, 2008 Sister Cities Committee meeting, the committee reviewed the application received for uMhlathuze, South Africa from The Business Council, Inc. After reviewing the application the committee moved to enter into a sister city relationship with uMhlathuze, South Africa.

At the April 9, 2008, the Common Council adopted File Number 071584 - Substitute resolution establishing a sister city relationship with uMhlathuze, South Africa. On May 1, 2008, the City held a Sister City agreement signing ceremony between Milwaukee and uMhlathuze, KwaZulu Natal, South Africa.

At the April 2, 2008 Sister Cities Committee meeting, the committee reviewed the application received for Manisa, Turkey from Esperanza Unida, Inc. After reviewing the application the committee moved to enter into a sister city relationship with Manisa, Turkey.

At the April 9, 2008, the Common Council adopted File Number 071506 - Substitute resolution establishing a sister city relationship between Milwaukee and Manisa, Turkey. At the time this report was finalized, an agreement signing ceremony had not take place yet for Manisa, Turkey.

During 2008, the Sister Cities Committee determined that the sister city relationships with Schwerin, Germany and Nuevitas, Cuba be terminated due to lack of information on activities, reports, and documentation as required to meet the goals and guidelines set by Sister Cities International.

On May 20, 2008, the Common Council adopted File #071634 - Resolution relating to terminating the sister city relationship with Schwerin, Germany.

Resolution File #081547 to terminate the sister city relationship with Nuevitas, Cuba was introduced and approved by the Common Council in 2009.