



## MINUTES

### Arvada Sister Cities International

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Arvada City Hall – 3B

- I. CALL TO ORDER – 5:40 p.m. by President Bernie Burgmaier.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the regular meeting of June 16, 2009. Motion for approval was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
- III. REPORTS:
  - A. City Council: Deputy Mayor Lorraine Anderson indicated that the fountain in Olde Town recently re-opened subsequent to health concerns. President Burgmaier inquired as to recent newspaper articles concerning underground tanks remaining at Rocky Flats and, if so, their potential impacts on the Candelas development project. Deputy Mayor Anderson stated that such information was inaccurate and that all associated nuclear waste has been removed from the State of Colorado. She also indicated that the City of Golden has allocated an estimated 4% of their annual funding to oppose the Candelas development.
  - B. City of Arvada: Brenda Berg reiterated a potential 2-5% reduction in City funding of ASCI.
  - C. Committee Reports:
    1. Marketing/Communications: No status report was available.
    2. Mechelen - No status report was available. Greetings have been received from Belgium.
    3. Kyzylorda: No status report was available. Hopefully, a grant may be obtained sometime next year.
    4. Jinzhou: Dr. Chang presented 8 written recommendations as to the next steps in pursuing and strengthening ASCI's ongoing relationship with Jinzhou. Discussion was had relative to the following recommendations:

Rec. 3 (*That ASCI conduct a feasibility study of sending a trade mission to China*) - Deputy Mayor Anderson suggested that a Jefferson County/City of Arvada business community working group be established, to include 5-10 business representatives from Jefferson County Economic Council, Arvada Chamber of Commerce, and AEDA. This working group's mission should consist of developing 3-4 major undertakings. It was also

discussed that ASCI utilize the Arvada Center Gift Shop to promote China and Jinzhou's culture such as the Christmas ornaments that Sonia Marschner's son previously provided.

*Rec. 5 (That ASCI negotiate with area international trade organizations) -* Pres. Burgmaier has been in contact with Colorado State International Office, and has invited their representatives to attend an ASCI meeting. Dr. Chang, Pres. Burgmaier and VP Edna Gordon have participated in a roundtable discussion concerning China and South Carolina doing business in China as a result of China's Free Trade Zone. Pres. Burgmaier indicated that ASCI could join this organization; *however*, Mayor Pro Tem Anderson was hesitant unless it would help ASCI's relationship with Jinzhou.

*Rec. 7 (That the ASCI appoint a task force to identify opportunities of agency cooperation between ASCI and AEDA) -* Pres. Burgmaier has already started the process.

*Rec. 8 (That the ASCI Board accept the exchange programs as presented by Mr. Tan Yunpeng, Director of the Jinzhou Foreign Affairs, dated March 19, 2009) -* The noted letter was not readily available. It was agreed that such letter would be distributed to ASCI members for further review and discussion.

Mayor Pro tem Anderson agreed to take the responsibility to schedule a meeting with Jefferson County Economic Council, Arvada Chamber of Commerce, and AEDA.

5. Education: No new status report available – hopefully, one will be available after August 1, 2009.
  6. Fundraisers: Vice-President Edna Gordon stated that more informational brochures are or will be available soon.
  7. Arvada Rotary's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Peach Sale 2009 - \$19.00 per box: 10 forms per ASCI member were distributed with a deadline date of August 10, 2009. ASCI has, in previous years, received \$300 – \$400 for its participation.
- D. New Business: Nancy Munn reported that pursuant to the ASCI's bylaws, the nominating committee needs to be appointed with one member for a one-year term and two members for a two-year term. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved unanimously that Nancy Munn be appointed for a one-year term, and that Frances Evans and Ed Bentzen be appointed for a two-year term, respectively.

