



MINUTES

Arvada Sister Cities International

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Arvada City Hall – Anne Campbell Room

- I. CALL TO ORDER – 5:45 p.m. by President Bernie Burgmaier.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the regular meeting of August 18, 2009 (sic – September 15, 2009). Motion for approval with date amendment was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. Motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 21, 2009, was also made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
- III. REPORTS:
 - A. City Council: City Councilmember Aaron Azari reported a projected one million dollar decrease in the City's 2010 budget, with the City's sales tax continuing to decline. The City is considering not filling vacant staff positions and potentially some layoffs as mitigation measures. Aaron Azari also noted that the City still retains an AAA bond rating. President Burgmaier inquired as to the status of the Brookland area as an urban renewal area for hotel/conference center. At the present, development plans are on hold due to the economy.
 - B. City of Arvada: Brenda Berg indicated no report.
 - C. Committee Reports:
 1. Marketing/Communications: Vice-President Edna Gordon disseminated a draft marketing brochure for comment. President Burgmaier and Nina Rupp reported on ASCI's participation in the City's Harvest Festival Parade held September 12, 2009, which included dancing Chinese dragons. Funding in the amount of \$250.00 was requested for such Chinese dragons, upon which a motion for approval was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. It was also suggested that a committee be established for future planning of ASCI's participation in the City's annual parade.
 2. Mechelen: No status report was available.
 3. Kyzylorda: A written summary report was previously provided by Mike Coen. Ed Benzten questioned whether there continues and/or remains any official communications/relationships between Arvada (ASCI) and Kyzylorda's government. Edna Gordon and Nancy Bentzen agreed to

contact Mike Coen regarding the same, and to consider other projects/programs specifically between the two governments.

4. Jinzhou: Note was made that Dr. Chang was absent, and that ongoing, formal discussions with Jinzhou were minimal in the last month. Nina Rupp encouraged local community and business leaders to consider visits to Jinzhou. Doug Gordon reported attending, along with other ASCI members, a reception dinner of the China Trade and Investment Promotion Delegation, which included 30 Chinese delegates. The primary objective of the meeting was business opportunities between China and the United States, including renewable energy resources, health care, warehouse spacing, and contractual business partnerships. Funding of the cost of 5 ASCI members attending this event in the amount of \$150.00 was requested. Motion for approval was made, seconded and unanimously approved.
5. Education: Connie Williams indicated no new status report.
6. Fundraisers: Vice-President Edna Gordon requested input of the draft brochure previously disseminated. Discussion was had as to the insertion of an ASCI booklet or pamphlet into the City's report, of which approximately 35,000 copies are distributed every 2 months.

D. New Business: There was no meeting of the recently appointed nominating committee.

- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Nancy Bentzen previously distributed the Treasurer's Report for the period June 16 – September 15, 2009. She noted there had been no transactions for the previous three months. Nancy also provided a thank you note from Nancy Munn for the flowers sent by ASCI.
- V. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: None, except as otherwise reported above.
- VI. ADJOURNMENT: 6:30 p.m.

ASCI Members in attendance: Beth Whittier, Brenda Berg, Connie Williams, Dale Williams, Karl Burgmaier, Nancy Munn, Bob Jackson, Shirley Jackson, Eva Zerr, Bernie Burgmaier, Edna Gordon, Nancy Bentzen, Edwin Bentzen, Nina Rupp, Aaron Azari, Douglas L. Gordon, and Candice Mann (guest).

Recording Secretary: _____
Beth A. Whittier

Date: September 15, 2009

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Submitted at the ASCI regular business meeting of October 20, 2009.

Approved without revisions.

Approved with the following revisions: