

MINUTES

Arvada Sister Cities International
Tuesday, January 19, 2010
Arvada City Hall – Anne Campbell Room

- I. CALL TO ORDER – 5:40 p.m. by President Bernie Burgmaier.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of November 17, 2009 was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. *Note: An abbreviated regular meeting was held as part of ASCI's Annual Christmas Party on December 10, 2009.*
- III. REPORTS:
 - A. City Council: Rachael Zenzinger introduced herself as the City Council's alternate representative to ASCI. She briefly discussed the recent decision to close Russell Elementary School, and associated therewith, the designation of Arvada Middle School as a K-8 school. Also discussed was Peace Jam's request for a City owned and/or funded facility. (Peace Jam is a nonviolence youth program currently based in Arvada). City Council is considering the renovation of the Allen House, and proposals concerning its use, including Peace Jam's. It was noted that Peace Jam is not entirely local in its programs and services.

City Council has also imposed a 6 month moratorium on the location of medical marijuana facilities, primarily to await State legislation and regulations; to provide further public discussion; and to consider the adoption of applicable land use policies.
 - B. City of Arvada: Gordon Reusink reported that, as of December 20, 2009, the City's sales tax continues to decline. Gordon reiterated that the City's 2010 budget for ASCI remains the same as the City's 2009 budget for ASCI. Brenda Berg noted the City Council meeting on January 26, 2010 with the ASCI Board of Directors, the Festivals Commission and Arvada Park Advisory members, and the ASCI Chinese New Years dinner at Chopstix restaurant on February 11, 2010.
 - C. Committee Reports:
 1. Mechelen: No formal report was given. It was noted that Georges Charlier, an ASCI friend and colleague from Mechelen, recently passed away. Also, Merry Christmas wishes from ASCI were forwarded. Pres. Bernie Burgmaier is proceeding to determine the ownership of the Day of Dead exhibit for possible loan to Mechelen or Jinzhou.

2. Kyzylorda: No report was provided.
3. Jinzhou: Dr. Chang referenced a written list of activities that he had compiled for the coming year. One of the suggested items was an invitation for either a Jinzhou delegation to visit Arvada/Colorado or an ASCI delegation to visit Jinzhou. It was requested that Dr. Chang email Jinzhou representatives and research available dates. An inquiry to City Council should also be made as to whether the City would assist in such an endeavor. Pres. Burgmaier stated her preference would be for the Jinzhou delegation to return to Arvada/Colorado, although ASCI would need to seriously consider appropriate activities during such a visit.

Ed Bentzen also recommended that Dr. Chang should investigate the type of Chinese businesses that Arvada businessmen would desire to contact and visit with as to mutual business opportunities. Tim Steinhaus and Gordon Reusink both commented on the need to determine the respective roles of the City and ADEA. ADEA recently mailed postcards inquiring if Arvada businesses were interested in pursuing such an endeavor, and has received a favorable response. Pres. Burgmaier agreed to schedule a meeting with Gordon Reusink, Bruce Nickerson and Tim Steinhaus concerning the above matters. Connie Williams mentioned that ASCI should not only focus on business opportunities with China, but also pursue other facets within ASCI's purposes and objectives.

4. Fundraiser: Edna Gordon distributed two sample ASCI brochures for marketing purposes, with a request for suggestions and comments. Edna also noted that invitations to the Chinese New Year dinner at Chopstix on February 11, 2010, have been distributed. There is a need for items (preferably under \$50.00 value) for the silent auction. Nancy Munn is assisting and can be contacted in this matter.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Nancy Bentzen distributed copies of the ASCI 2009 Treasurer's Report for the period September 15 – December 31, 2009.

V. New Business: The ASCI nominating committee, consisting of Francis Evans, Ed Bentzen, and Nancy Munn, reported their recommended slate of new ASCI officers, *i.e.*, President: Connie Williams; Vice-President: Doug Gordon; Treasurer: Ed Bentzen; and Secretary: Beth Whittier. There being no other names submitted on the floor for consideration, a motion for approval of the ASCI nominating committee's recommendations was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The terms of the following Directors are due to expire in 2010: Ed Bentzen, Frances Evans, Doug Gordon, Edna Gordon, Bob Jackson, Shirley Jackson, Nancy Munn, and Beth Whittier. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to reappoint all of the above Directors, with their terms to expire 2013. It was also moved, seconded

and passed unanimously to appoint Tim Steinhaus as a Director on the ASCI Board of Directors.

- VI. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Bernie Burgmaier was commended for her exemplary leadership, professionalism, and dedicated service in the performance of her official duties as ASCI President.

Edna Gordon reiterated her request for recommend changes to the sample ASCI brochures for marketing purposes. Also noted was that a cover letter should be included.

Dr. Chang provided a list of his 2009 and 2010 “things to do” list for Jinzhou to Connie Williams.

A request was made as to ASCI donating money to the Haiti effort. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and moved unanimously to donate \$1,000.00 (\$500.00 from each of the ASCI budgets) to Doctors Without Borders.

- VII. ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

ASCI Members in attendance: Tim Steinhaus, Beth Whittier, Connie Williams, Dale Williams, N.K. Chang, Edwin Bentzen, Karl Burgmaier, Nancy Munn, Bob Jackson, Shirley Jackson, Bernie Burgmaier, Edna Gordon, Nancy Bentzen, Douglas L. Gordon, Francis Evans, Maria Tibbetts, Gordon Reusink, and Rachel Zenzinger.

Recording Secretary: _____ Date: January 19, 2010
Beth A. Whittier

Submitted at the ASCI regular business meeting of February 16, 2010.

Approved without revisions.

Approved with the following revisions: