



PHOENIX Sister Cities

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**CHENGDU COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2018
Siu Wok Chinese Buffet
2801 North Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85004**

Committee Members & Public Present:

Huacong Chen
Zhigang Chen
Natalie Gerity
Dianna Noli Hill

Lucy Ross
Bronson Soza
Adam Yee
Alec Wiggin

Marcus Wolf

Item 1. Call to Order

Chairman Dianna Noli Hill called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM.

Item 2. Welcome & Introduction of Members & Guests

All attendees were introduced.

Item 3. Approval of January 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Natalie Gerity motioned to approve the meeting minutes; Adam Yee seconded the motion which passed.

Item 4. Chinese Cultural & Cuisine Festival Feb 16th – 18th

Final preparation plans were discussed in detail for staffing and selling gifts at the Chengdu Booth this weekend at the Festival. The Chinese Banquet will be held on Feb 24th at 6:30 pm at the Great Wall Restaurant.

Item 5. Dujiangyan Education Delegation Trip to Phoenix Feb 2018 - Tabled

The item was tabled in the absence of Allan Yang and updated status of the pending Visa approval process for the delegation

Item 6. PSC Membership Survey

Dianna Noli Hill asked attendees if they had received the PSC Membership Survey. For those who had not received the notice, Dianna said she would forward the survey. The survey is being done as part of the planning process to develop a new Strategic Plan for Phoenix Sister Cities.

Item 7. Chengdu Subcommittee Reports

A. Art & Culture - Mr. Zhigang Chen updated the Committee on the proposal status of the Chengdu Symphony Orchestra to travel and perform in Phoenix in October 2018.

Here are the tentative arrangements: PSC is required to send a Letter of Invitation as soon as possible; Chengdu will cover all travel, lodging, and transportation expenses; PSC is responsible for finding the venue, covering the venue expenses in turn for the ticket revenues.

It will be incumbent on PSC to promote sufficient ticket sales to offset expenses. Zhigang suggested PSC host a lunch for the delegation at the Great Wall Restaurant.

B. Project Budget Coordinator – Tabled

C. Business – Tabled

D. Membership – Tabled.

E. Public Relations - Tabled.

F. Youth & Education – Dianna reported the announcement for the 2018 Youth Ambassadors will be held at 6:30 pm on Feb 23rd at City Hall. All committee members are welcome to attend the reception. Orientation of the Chengdu Youth Ambassadors by the Committee will be held on Sunday April 15th at 11:00 am.

Item 8. DAC Disabilities Awareness Committee – Tabled

Item 9. Upcoming Phoenix Sister Cities Events/Projects

Dianna reported on the following:

- A.** Chinese Cultural & Cuisine Festival Margaret T. Hance Park on Feb16th – 18th
- B.** Evening in Prague March 17th
- C.** Youth Ambassador Announcement Reception City Hall on Feb 23rd @ 6:30
- D.** Chengdu Outbound Delegation March 17th – March 18th
- E.** Chengdu Dumplings & Beer Fundraiser April 11th @ 5:30 PM

Item 10. Call to Public – Natalie Gerity presented the Chengdu Committee with the proceeds of the Mini Ambassador's Lemonade Stand fundraiser in the amount of \$160. Many thanks to Natalie and her family for this generous donation.

Item 13. Adjournment

Natalie Gerity motioned to adjourn; Lucy Ross seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.

- **Next Meeting will be held on March 14th.**