

Phoenix Sister Cities  
Himeji Minutes  
March 6, 2018

Present:

Pamela Godsil – Committee Acting Co-Chair  
Jeremy Crews - Committee Acting Co-Chair  
Camille King - Committee Secretary & Committee Chair for Youth & Education  
Rita Marko – Phoenix Sister Cities, CEO  
Ilene Takiguchi – President, Japanese Friendship Garden  
Masako Takiguchi  
Marilyn Grigsby  
Akiko Hennessy  
Kate Ross  
Mallory Currey  
Gwen Currey  
Caren Robinson  
Lance Hoiby  
Nolan Hoiby  
Hunter McCormick  
Terry Fong  
Hayden Araza  
Stephen Araza  
Andrew Ahearne

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:33 pm by P. Godsil.

II. Chair Remarks & Introductions

P. Godsil welcomed all present. Introductions were made, and the new Youth Ambassadors and teachers in the Teach Abroad programs were welcomed.

III. Approval of February 6, 2018, Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes by M. Grigsby. Second by K. Ross. Minutes approved unanimously.

IV. February 2018 Financial Summary

Item continued to April 3, 2018.

V. Committee Events & Projects

A. Youth and Education Program Update

Camille King shared that the induction ceremony of the new youth ambassadors was on February 23. The new ambassadors were present at the meeting. Two of

the members of the Teach Abroad program were in attendance. The meeting to select the new teachers for the program was on March 1.

B. Matsuri Festival (February 24-25, 2018)

The Matsuri was successful. A rough draft financial statement was provided.

C. Himeji Garden Association Group

M. Takiguchi shared that the Himeji Garden 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be celebrated in April 2018. There will be 20 members of the committee visiting on April 9 and 10. The Himeji Gardeners have done an amazing job to help to maintain the Japanese Garden, which functions as a botanical garden. The Himeji Committee will host a dinner for the Himeji Garden Association Group. R. Marko will contact several restaurants to obtain cost estimates. A motion was made for the Himeji Committee to authorize the up to \$1,000 to host the Himeji Garden Association at dinner on April 9, 2018. Himeji Committee members are welcome to attend with the Committee paying for no more than half the cost of Committee members' meals. The motion was made by C. King and A. Hennessey second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Japanese Friendship Garden will host a fare well dinner for the Himeji Garden Association Group on April 10, 2108.

VI. Membership Special with Japanese Friendship Garden and Himeji Committee

I. Takighuchi shared that there is a signed sister garden association proclamation between the Japanese Garden and the Himeji Committee.

VII. PSC Announcements & Upcoming Events (Reports/Discussion)

R. Marko reminded the committee of the upcoming "Evening in Prague." This event will be on March 17, 2018, at the Memorial Hall. R. Marko also reminded the members of the upcoming Mayor's International event celebrating Ennis, Ireland. The invitation was included in the minutes and raffle tickets may be purchased online. The Mayor's International will be on April 26, 2018, 6-8:30 p.m.

VIII. In-Kind & Volunteer Hours

P. Godsil reminded members of the importance of logging accurate hours.

IX. Next Meeting: April 3, 2018, 5:30 p.m. at the Winship House.

X. Call to Public: None.

XI. Adjourn

P. Godsil adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,  
Camille King