

HELENA INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
5:15 p.m. December 19, 2006
CITY-COUNTY BUILDING
HELENA, MT

HIAC members attending were Elaine Dahl, Josh DeWeese, Kay Hansen, Pat Murdo, Carla Wambach, Will Garvin, Matt Kuntz and Alex Rincon
Associate members were Tom Stearns and Kiyo Nagata representing Kumamoto Plaza.
Guests were Helena Mayor Jim Smith, new Archie Bray Director Steve Lee and Public Art Committee member George McCauley.

Chair Pat Murdo reported Sheldon Bartel, of Gateway, wants HIAC to help with a reception during the Pacific Northwest Economic Development Council meeting in Helena July 14-18. Mayor Smith said the City will also help and perhaps assist with any recreation or business meeting needs. Members of the PNEDC are Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Hawaii, Alaska, British Columbia, Alberta and the North West Territories.

The Sudan photographic exhibit will be in Helena June 4 to July 18. HIAC will help with arrangements.

Pat said the February 20 meeting will be a get-to-gether and first day of the Chinese New Year dinner. HIAC will invite city and county commissioners and recently retired HIAC members. Pat will ask Mike Halligan, Washington Corp., to be a guest speaker. Kay, Alex and Matt volunteered to handle the business meeting/dinner details. Mayor Smith said the City will help with costs and to contact Debbie, City Clerk.

Carla volunteered to gather estimates on the cost of printing the updated HIAC brochure.

On Dec. 18 Pat gave the year-end report to the City Commission. Other HIAC members attending were Will Garvin and Kay Hansen.

A HIAC election of officers was held. Pat Murdo was re-elected Chairman and Will Garvin was re-elected Vice-Chairman. Elaine Dahl was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Alex said in February, Capitol High School students will attend a Carroll College Language Fair. An International Fair will be held at CC in May with a Human Rights speaker from Columbia.

George McCauley, an artist and potter, said he will be traveling to China January 23. He will be in Guangxi Zhiang which is in south-east China near the border of Vietnam and visit other areas of interest.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.