



**Helena International Affairs Council
07/15/08 Minutes**

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE	MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE	AFFILIATES IN ATTENDANCE	GUESTS
Jessica Peterson, Chair	Matt Kuntz (resigned)		
Elaine Dahl	Alex Rincon		
Gabe Furshong	Campbell Pryor		
Pat Murdo			
Will Garvin			
Mark Annas			

Welcome and Introductions: Meeting called to order 5:22pm. No introductions.

Review Agenda, Approve Minutes: Minutes approved as written. Jessica will add email vote results referenced in the 6/17/08 minutes.

Report on Website Status (Jessica): Dan will begin building a navigation page. Jessica will meet with Debbie Havens, Clerk of the City Commission, to discuss change of site administration. Dan has advised HIAC contract with a hosting service to provide server space. Modwest.com was recommended. Jessica has contacted Modwest regarding pricing, and they will be getting back to her.

Report on HCTV/HIAC Show Plan: Gabe updated the Council as to the plan, this was in addition to a July, 2008 Draft regarding the plan. As presently conceived, HIAC would develop 4, one-half hour programs. Each program would have an international focus with local consequence. Gabe pointed out using a standard introduction, which would identify HIAC's mission/purpose. He also described an "issue quiz" concept; people on the street would be given this "quiz" as it related to the current show topic. Also discussed was a protocol to keep the city commission informed of the show's content (eg. presenting them with a program outline prior to airing). Pat spoke about developing program music. Gabe suggested she and Elaine, who is working with Pat on this task, of approaching a specific music teacher who could then put the request to his/her students as an assignment. Being that school is currently out, may complicate this task. An additional suggestion of contacting private music teachers also given.

Also discussed, decided what topics would be the focus for 08-09. Arts, Sports, Healthcare and Food Security were chosen. Kick off dates: Healthcare – Oct.1; Arts – Jan. 1; Sports – April 1, 2009; and Food Security – July 1, 2009. The Project Leads are as follows:

- Healthcare: Pat Murdo, Lead/Mark Annas Co-lead
- Arts: Jessica Peterson, Lead/Campbell Pryor, Co-lead
- Sports: Will Garvin, Lead/Gabriel Furshong, Co-lead
- Food Security: Elaine Dahl, Lead/Alex Rincon, Co-lead

Website Subcommittees: Jessica led the discussion on this topic, pointing out there are several fundamental tasks: gathering photos (local, historic); developing a member bio page; identifying to what does the main page link; content.

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Suggestions for Appointment of New HIAC Member: Due to professional obligations, Matt Kuntz, has resigned his HIAC appointment. We wish him well. Jessica asked for input as to who could become a new member. She will talk with Debbie Havens regarding this opening and perhaps having it advertised.

Upcoming Events and Report on Past Events: Will gave a report on the presentation of Mayoral Certificates to the foreign born players on the Helena Brewers roster. He felt it was very well received by the players. Will also mentioned the Philippine Consulate Officer from San Francisco, CA attended a statewide gathering of Filipinos held this past weekend in Helena. "Over 400 people were in attendance", Will reported. Unfortunately, local media did not identify this as an event, so far as HIAC is aware.

Pat and Jessica hosted Mitsunori Namba, the Counsel General of Japan, stationed in Seattle, WA when he recently was in Helena. They hosted a luncheon for him at the Mediterranean Grill in Helena.

Public Comment: No comments. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.