

Juneau Sister Cities Committee

Minutes of March 22, 2012

Attendees: Tom Chard Adrien Lopez Glenn Gray Sue Baxter

I. Approval of Agenda

The committee approved the agenda.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the January 19, 2012 were approved with some modifications.

III. Assembly Report

The discussion on this agenda topic included the following topics:

- **Survey:** Survey was completed October 1 and most of responses focused on existing sister cities. Survey was advertized on the CBJ website and committee members participated in an interview on KTOO radio.
- **Relationships:**
 - **Camiling:** Recommend that the relationship be considered for an Emiratis status rather than an active relationship. Glenn will give Tom a written justification for this recommendation.
 - **Vladivostok:** Student exchange planned for 2013.
 - **Whitehorse:** Sheila Dodd, the Whitehorse Sister City contact said Whitehorse will schedule a meeting between Whitehorse City Council and Juneau Assembly.
- **Tool Kit:** The Committee will design a tool kit that will be sent to our active sister cities with information about Juneau, events (e.g., sporting and cultural events) and ideas of how we can rekindle the relationships (e.g., economic development, cultural exchanges, and education exchanges), and education exchanges (e.g., electronic exchanges, Flat Stanley)
- **Goals for Next Year:** Promote Juneau's international status. Develop social media network and document past activities on website. Promote exchanges with our sister cities. Hold a reception for foreign exchange students in fall and develop a list student exchange programs in Juneau. Support other international activities.

IV. General Topics

- **Public Safety:** Jeremy Capital City Fire and Rescue interested in public safety exchanges.
- **Airport Display:** Need to find examples in other cities. Pursue the possibility of a display with the Airport Board.
- **Assembly Meeting:** Tom will give a presentation to the Assembly on February 13.
- **Information:** Goal for this year support networking of international exchanges.

V. Specific Relationships

- **Whitehorse:** Develop packets for visitors. Glenn will start a list of exchanges.
- **Vladivostok:** Sue met with Jana. Shooting for 2013 for the Vladivostok student exchange.

VI. Other Items and Follow Up

- **Visas:** Glenn brought a toolkit from SCI for visas.

VII. Assignments

- **Policy:** Glenn will draft an affiliation policy for future sister city relationships.
- **JCVB:** Jeremy will contact the JCVB about interest in sister cities.