

BOULDER-LHASA SISTER CITY PROJECT

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Reciprocal Mayoral Exchange in Boulder 10-13 November 2014

Following an invitation from the Lhasa Municipal Government, Shaun McGrath, then Mayor of Boulder, led a Boulder delegation of six to Lhasa in October 2008 for a one-week mayoral exchange to strengthen the Boulder-Lhasa sister city relationship.

Following an invitation from Boulder-Lhasa Sister City Project (BLSCP), Madam Tsering Yangzom, Deputy Mayor of Lhasa, led a Lhasa delegation of six to Boulder on 10-13 November 2014 for a reciprocal mayoral exchange. The Mayor of Lhasa had planned to lead the delegation but had to cancel his participation, due to his participation in another overseas visit in November as assigned by the Tibet Autonomous Region Government. The purpose of the exchange was to promote friendship between Boulder and Lhasa and to seek a better understanding of each other. BLSCP accepted an offer from the Lhasa Municipal Government to pay for its own trip expenses, including air tickets, local transportation, lodging, and some meals. The Lhasa delegation was:

Madam Tsering Yangzom, Deputy Mayor of Lhasa
Mr. Jianghua, General Secretary of Lhasa Municipal Government
Mr. Yang Rujun, General Director of Lhasa Foreign Affairs Office
Mr. Danzengquzha, General Director of Lhasa Tourism Bureau
Madam Tashi Palden, General Director of Lhasa Finance Bureau
Mr. Jigmi Drapa, Interpreter of Lhasa Foreign Affairs Office

Schedule of Exchange Activities

Nov 10 2:25 pm - Lhasa delegation arrived at Denver International Airport and was greeted by Mr. Andrew Shoemaker, Boulder City Council Member and Council Liaison to BLSCP; Ms. Ali Darrow, then Deputy City Clerk and then Sister City Program Coordinator, City of Boulder; and Bill Warnock, BLSCP President.

Nov 11 10:00 am-12:00 noon - Tour of University of Colorado Boulder

Nov 11 2:30-3:15 pm - Discussion with Boulder Convention & Visitors Bureau

Nov 11 6:00 pm - Welcome Dinner at the home of Narayan Shrestha, BLSCP member

Nov 12 10:15-11:00 am - Meet & Greet Reception with Boulder Mayor Matthew Appelbaum, Boulder Municipal Building

Nov 12 2:00-2:30 pm - Discussion with City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks, Chautauqua Ranger Cottage

Nov 12 6:00 pm - Farewell Dinner at the home of Stanley Goldberg, BLSCP Director

Nov 13 12:05 pm - Lhasa delegation departed from Denver International Airport.



Welcome Dinner at the home of Narayan Shrestha: Madam Tashi Palden; Mr. Andrew Shoemaker, Boulder City Council Member and Council Liaison to BLSCP; Deputy Mayor Tsering Yangzom; Narayan; Ms. Christine Berg, Mayor of Lafayette, Colorado; Ms. Suzanne Jones, Boulder City Council Member (left to right)



Boulder Mayor Matthew Appelbaum explaining his perspectives on the Boulder-Lhasa sister city relationship: Ms. Alisa Lewis, Boulder City Clerk; Mayor Appelbaum; Mr. Danzengqzha; Mr. Jigmi Drapa; Deputy Mayor Tsering Yangzom; Mr. Jianghua (left to right)



Boulder Mayor Matthew Appelbaum presenting a gift to Lhasa Deputy Mayor Tsering Yangzom: Madam Tsering Yangzom; Stanley Goldberg, BLSCP Director; Mr. Jigmi Drapa; Mr. Appelbaum (left to right)



Lhasa Deputy Mayor Tsering Yangzom presenting a khata (traditional Tibetan ceremonial scarf) to Boulder Mayor Matthew Appelbaum: Mr. Appelbaum; Madam Tsering Yangzom; Mr. Jigmi Drapa (left to right)

Bill Warnock, President
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