

**CITY OF MILPITAS
SISTER CITIES COMMISSION MINUTES**

MINUTES: Meeting of Sister Cities Commission (SCC)
DATE OF MEETING: Thursday, August 27, 2009
PLACE OF MEETING: Milpitas City Hall, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Committee Meeting Room

I. ROLL **Chair Grilli** called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
Commissioners / Alternates Present: Arbaugh, Arefi, Chen, Grilli, Hardin, Mateo, Ortega, and Tran.
Commissioners Absent: Serpa
City Council Liaison Absent: Vice Mayor McHugh
MUSD Liaison Present: Alisantosa
Staff Present: Cuciz, Clark

II. ALTERNATES Alternate Commissioner Hardin was seated.

III. PLEDGE Chair Grilli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. MINUTES **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of July 23, 2009.
M/S: Ortega/Mateo AYES: All

V. AGENDA **MOTION** to approve the August 27, 2009 agenda.
M/S: Chen/Arefi AYES: All

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: Staff liaison Cuciz introduced Alternate Commissioner Hardin. Cuciz informed Commissioners Tran & Hardin about their terms expiring in September, 2009. If they wanted to continue serving on the commission they would need to email the Mayor requesting to extend their appointment.

VII. PUBLIC FORUM: None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

1. CONSIDERATION OF NON-VOTING STUDENT MEMBER:

Staff liaison Cuciz introduced Youth Advisory Commissioner (YAC), Jenny Shen as a possible non-voting member of the Sister Cities Commission (SCC). Shen asked questions about her role as a SCC non-voting student member. Chair Grilli explained that SCC is looking for someone in the student community that could be a liaison for hosting students and to participate in traveling to other sister cities. In addition, they would like this individual to work with teachers, school staff and clubs

in an effort to generate interest and participation with sister cities activities. Cuciz noted that the City Council would need to amend the bylaws to add a non-voting student commissioner.

Motion to recommend to City Council to amend bylaws to add a non-voting student commissioner.
M/S Grilli /Mateo AYES:All

2. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA:

Chair Grilli reported that six students and a teacher would be visiting from Huizhou the week of October 11th. Grilli requested the need for six students from Milpitas High School (MHS) to host visiting students activities that includes the following: going to classes with students, touring the Milpitas area and attending a homecoming game at MHS. Grilli spoke with Ken Schlaff, Principal of MHS, about hosting a teacher from Huizhou. Grilli is not aware of any officials that may visit during this time. Grilli is hoping that at least six students from MHS could visit Huizhou during Spring Break 2010.

3. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILIPPINES:

Staff liaison Cuciz noted that all arrangements have been made for the Dagupan delegation that is visiting Milpitas on September 15, 2009. The delegation includes Dagupan's City Manager, Vice Mayor, one City Council member and a secretary. Cuciz has arranged for the group to have a presentation from the Engineering Department on the city's Waste Management policies. Another presentation will follow from the Milpitas Police Department on anti-cyber Human Trafficking policies. These were the topics requested by Dagupan.

An early dinner for the delegation and SCC commissioners will be held at Giorgios Restaurant prior to the Council meeting. A presentation, gift exchange and signing ceremony will take place at the City Council meeting on September 15, 2009. During this meeting, Mayor Livengood and Dagupan's Vice Mayor will sign a renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding continuing the sister city relationship. The renewal will be for five years as recommended by the Sister Cities Commission.

4. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN:

Vice Chair Arbaugh indicated there was nothing new to report for Tsukuba.

5. NAM-GU, INCHEON, SOUTH KOREA

Staff liaison Cuciz reported on the signing ceremony that took place between Milpitas and Nam-gu on July 28, 2009. Nam-gu extended an invitation for a visit to their city in October. SCC Commissioners indicated that they are unavailable to visit at this time, although Commissioner Chen stated that he would contact David Chang regarding further information about the visit.

6. WESTERN EUROPEAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH STATUS REPORT:

City Updates:

- Staff Liaison Cuciz reported that no replies have been received for any western European cities.

IX. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

- No report.

X. SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON REPORT

Milpitas Unified School District Liaison Alisantosa reported the following:

- Milpitas School Board approved new district boundaries for Randall school to receive students from new housing developments not yet completed near the Great Mall area.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Sister City & Friendship Relationships / Cultural Exchange
 - i. Huizhou City, China
 - ii. Dagupan City, PI
 - iii. Tsukuba City, Japan – Expiration of Agreement
 - iv. Nam-gu, Incheon, South Korea
2. Western European Sister City Research / Update
3. Student Representative - Non-voting.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

No further business was discussed and Chair Grilli adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 24, 2009.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting.

M/S: Chen/Arbaugh

All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Clark

Sister Cities Recording Secretary

Holly Cuciz

Sister Cities Liaison