

**CITY OF MILPITAS
SISTER CITIES COMMISSION MINUTES**

MINUTES: Meeting of Sister Cities Commission (SCC)
DATE OF MEETING: Thursday, June 24, 2010.
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, Grilli Mateo, Ortega & Tran.
Commissioners Absent: Chen, Hardin, & Serpa.
City Council Liaison Present: Vice Mayor McHugh
MUSD Liaison Absent: Alisantosa
Staff Present: Stobbe, Clark

II. ALTERNATES

III. PLEDGE Chair Grilli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. MINUTES **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of April 22, 2010
M/S: Arbaugh/Ortega AYES: Arbaugh, Grilli,
Mateo, Ortega, Tran.
ABSTAIN: Arefi

V. AGENDA **MOTION** to approve the Agenda for June 24, 2010
M/S Arbaugh/Chen AYES: All

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Staff liaison Stobbe requested that all commissioners report meeting absences according to bylaws to chair Grilli by email or phone for tracking excused & unexcused absences for reporting purposes to City clerk office for quarterly attendance records. Stobbe announced that lead commissioners for any given sister city project should be addressed as Community Liaisons.

VII. PUBLIC FORUM: No public present.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN

Commissioner Arbaugh proposed some recommendations for topics, themes and categories that will represent Milpitas for the anniversary photo exchange in October 2011. Chair Grilli asked for a consensus of 15th anniversary photo exchange possibilities of various locations throughout Milpitas including Local Technology companies, City Hall, library, senior center, police department, medical facilities, Historic and other public buildings.

Chair Grilli contacted the Milpitas High School principal about inviting the photography students to participate in the photo exchange. Spring will be the best time during the school year for these students to participate. The teacher will lead the effort and will also look at the past student photoproduct for eligible entries. The commission will also invite the Milpitas Camera Club and other groups to participate in the photo exchange. An open invitation to individual residents will also be included.

Staff liaison Stobbe emphasized that a submission process be utilized to steer clear of the appearance of a competition. Email correspondence with Tsukuba City was reviewed for possible guidelines, themes, categories, number of photos for submission, standard photo sizes. Tsukuba requested receiving photos on heavy weight photo paper and CD format with Jpeg files. The Tsukuba representative recommends receiving photos by Wednesday October 20th 2011 for display at their Bunka-Sai festival cultural day on November 3, 2011, a national holiday in Japan. Staff liaison informed that she would turn future communication with Tsukuba contacts over to the community liaisons Commissioner Arbaugh and Tran.

MOTION To approve the anniversary photo exchange.

M/S: Arefi/Arbaugh

AYES:All

2. EXCLUSIVE RECEIPT OF ELECTRONIC AGENDA PACKAGE

Staff liaison Stobbe requested that, in an effort to save resources, agendas and minutes be sent via email. Staff responded that commissioners may still receive the agenda packet via regular mail. With approval of this request, the September agenda packet would go out to all commissioners via email.

MOTION To approve the electronic delivery of the commission's monthly agenda packet. Hard copies will be mailed upon request.

M/S: Arbaugh/Tran

AYES:All

IX. Old Business

1. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA

Chair Grilli informed commissioners of a Huizhou student visit in the fall. Chair Grilli contacted Milpitas High School's principal who indicated the third week in October would be best for the visiting students during homecoming/spirit week.

2. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILIPPINES

Commissioner Mateo gave an update about the change of elected officials. As of July 1 Benjamin Lim will serve as the new mayor for Dagupan City. More information to follow after new officials are in office.

3. NAM-GU, INCHEON, SOUTH KOREA

Nothing new to report for Nam gu and there are currently no visits planned.

4. WESTERN EUROPEAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH STATUS REPORT

Altopascio, Italy:

Commissioner Serpa conveyed information to staff that she contacted Altopasio representatives. A proposal for a sister city relationship has slowed due to economic crisis they are experiencing.

Aarhus, Denmark:

No response received as of this time.

Karlshamm, Sweden:

Vice Chair Arfebi noted there has had difficulty in contacting a representative for Karlshamm Problems with email correspondence have slowed communication. Staff Liaison to follow up and get together an informational packet introducing our City through the mail from SCC chair Grilli.

Darby England:

Commissioner Arbaugh nothing new to report, no responses from Darby.

5. NON-VOTING STUDENT MEMBER Revisit searching for a student member when notice of future student delegation visit.

X. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Vice Mayor McHugh provided updates as noted below.

- Four SCC commissioners terms will expire in September 2010 if interested in continuing service, affected commissioners should contact the City Manager's Office and request an extension from the mayor.
- In an interesting note, one of our City employees Tiffany Sison, Acting Secretary to the City Manager, is still in touch with her former host family in formally Kukizaki Japan after 15 years.
- On June 1 the budget was passed in a 4-1 vote. There was a 10.6 Million dollar deficit the City took 2 million from reserves. Also used 5.4 million from a notes receivable from redevelopment agency and a 3.2 million dollar contribution from all union employees & council with an exception of the Cities Fire they are contributing 7% not out of pocket. There will not be any noticeable reduction in service or layoffs in the current year.
- The council heard an appeal from the Wal-Mart expansion, after listening to 58 speakers the expansion approval was overturned; 35 of the 58 speakers spoke in opposition of the expansion.

- On August 3, 2010 the new Valley Heath Center will be excepting patients the grand opening will be in mid August and the focus of there service provided will be on pediatrics and obstetrics with limited urgent care this will be a great addition to our city.
- The grand opening of the Milpitas Senior Center is scheduled for August 14, 2010.

X. SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON REPORT

No report was presented.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Sister City & Friendship Relationships/Cultural Exchanges
 - i. Huizhou City, China
 - ii. Dagupan City, Philippines
 - iii. Tsukuba City, Japan
 - iv. Nam-gu, Incheon, South Korea
2. Western European Sister City Research/Update

XII. ADJOURNMENT

No further business was discussed Chair Grilli adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm.and recommended that the July and August meetings be cancelled for a summer break until the next scheduled meeting on September 23, 2010.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting to the next scheduled meeting on September 23, 2010.

M/S: Arefi/Ortega

AYES:All

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Clark
Sister Cities Recording Secretary

Leslie Stobbe
Acting Sister Cities Liaison