



## **IX. Old Business**

### **1. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA**

Chair Grilli outlined the student visit of October 10 – 16 and noted that it went very well with relatively few glitches. He and Commissioner Arefi lead the students to tour San Francisco. The Milpitas High School's Associate Vice Principal Brian McGarry did a fantastic job recruiting host families for the visiting students and coordinating during and after school events for the students and host families. Staff will prepare letters for the Chair's signature thanking the host families for their hospitality.

Chair Grilli announced that a delegation of six (6) Huizhou officials would visit on December 7. The delegation will tour city hall and the surrounding complex. Staff will prepare a report for the City Manager with a proposed itinerary.

### **2. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILIPPINES**

No new information.

### **4. NAM-GU, INCHEON, SOUTH KOREA**

Commissioner Chen has resigned from the SCC. A SCC commissioner is needed to lead communications with this friendship city.

### **5. WESTERN EUROPEAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH STATUS REPORT**

#### Province of Florence, Italy:

Commissioner Serpa stated that she was able to bring the president of the Province of Florence, Italy, Andre Varducci, and group of six (6) delegates to the Embassy Suites in Milpitas. Vice Mayor McHugh had a proclamation drawn up and presented. Also visiting the President of the council David Armini, he had visited before when Vice Mayor McHugh was liaison with the county commission. They toured the library with Linda Arbaugh and the senior center with Rene Lorentzen. Commissioner Serpa spoke with President Andre Varducci regarding assistance with the SCC's search for a sister city.

#### Aarhus, Denmark:

No response received as of this time. By consensus, the SCC agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

#### Karlshamn, Sweden:

Vice Chair Arefi is in contact with a representative of Karlshamn via email and continues to communicate interest in considering a sister city relationship. Staff will email the representative and outline with links to the City's website.

#### Darby England:

No report. It was noted that there have been no responses from Darby. By consensus, the SCC agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

**X. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**

Vice Mayor McHugh provided these updates:

- Praise to Commissioner Serpa on bringing the Province of Florence delegation to Milpitas. This furthered discussions to establish a sister city in Italy.
- At the October 19 City Council meeting \$16 million in bonds were approved for the humane society which extended the date from April 2038 to May 2043. The Council is taking advantage of a vehicle for non-profits program when it approved this extension and the city is not financially at risk for any of the money or interest.
- Alternate Commissioner Serpa is now an official member of sister cities replacing Nolan Chen who resigned. Alternate Commissioner Hardin is now alternate #1.

**X. SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON REPORT**

School Board Liaison Alisantosa announcements related to the school board members running unopposed: Marsha Grilli, Mike Mendizabal and Bill Foulk will be appointed for four-year terms. Alisantosa’s family hosted a student from Huizhou, China and thanked Chair Grilli and commissioner Arefi for bringing the students to San Francisco for the day.

**XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

No further business was discussed and Chair Grilli adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm, with the next meeting to be held January 27, 2011.

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting.

**M/S:** Serpa/Arbaugh

**AYES:**All

Respectfully Submitted,

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