



Agenda

Sister Cities Commission

January 28, 2016
Milpitas City Hall, Committee Room 1st Floor
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
6:00 PM

I. Roll Call

II. Seating of Alternates

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Minutes: November 19, 2015

V. Approval of Agenda: January 28, 2016

VI. Announcements / Correspondence

Items directly related to the Sister Cities Commission (SCC) and City of Milpitas business.

VII. Public Forum

Members of the audience are invited to address the commission in any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record. Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be added to the agenda of a future meeting.

VIII. New Business

1. Discuss Future of Sister City Program

Background: The SCC received an announcement from Commissioner Arefi In November 2015 regarding an email response from Mayor Esteves about the commissioner's research into policies and practices of other cities for their sister city relationships. A discussion comparing what other cities provide (and don't provide) along with a discussion of community involvement was requested for this meeting.

Recommendation: Postpone discussion until the February 25 meeting as both the Chair and Council Liaison cannot attend this meeting. At the February 25 meeting, review research, current concerns regarding lack of community involvement, and discuss the future of the Sister Cities Program.

IX. Old Business

1. City Plaza Signs

Background: The SCC reviewed picture samples of how other cities depict sister city relationships. One style was preferred the sample from Fort Worth, Texas, and staff was asked to research costs.

Recommendation: Staff present potential cost estimates for review.

2. Seongnam City, Draft Memorandum of Understanding Review

Background: At the time of this agenda preparation, there were no new updates on the revised draft MOU from Seongnam representatives.

Recommendation: Receive updates from staff, as available.

3. E-Pal Project with Sister Cities

Background: This project began with 13 students matched with Tsukuba students. Dagupan and Huizhou have been contacted regarding their interest in participating this academic year. There are 55 Milpitas High School, Digital Business Academy students participating.

Recommendation: Receive staff report.

4. Tsukuba City, Japan

Background: Milpitas and Tsukuba signed an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) effective October 7, 2014 for a five-year term, ending October 7, 2019. Vice Chair Arbaugh is the lead commissioner.

Recommendation: Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

5. Dagupan City, Philippines

Background: Milpitas and Dagupan signed an updated MOU in October 7, 2014 for a five-year term, ending October 7, 2019. A lead commissioner is needed for this sister city relationship.

Recommendation: Determine a lead commissioner. Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

6. Huizhou Municipality, China

Background: Milpitas and Huizhou signed an updated MOU on October 15, 2013 for a five-year term, ending October 15, 2018. Chair Grilli is the lead commissioner for this relationship.

Recommendation: Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

VI. Student Liaison Report

VII. City Council Liaison Report

VIII. School District Liaison Report

IX. Future Agenda Items

- a. Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchanges
 - i. Tsukuba, Japan
 - ii. Dagupan, Philippines
 - iii. Huizhou, China
- b. Possible Sister City in Latin America

X. Adjournment

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