

CITY OF MILPITAS
SISTER CITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION (SCC)
COMMUNITY ROOM, MILPITAS CITY HALL

MINUTES
JANUARY 28, 2016

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call** Vice Chair Arbaugh called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners present: Arbaugh, Arefi, Chen, Chang, Llamas, Bayot. Alternate commissioners present: Manogaran, Awasthi. Absent commissioner: Grilli.
- Council Liaison Marsha Grilli: Absent
MHS Student Liaison Mikayla Horyza: Present
MUSD Liaison Gunawan Alisantosa: Present
Staff Liaison Leslie Stobbe: Present
- II. Alternates Seating of** Alternate Commissioner Manogaran was seated.
- III. Allegiance Pledge of** Vice Chair Arbaugh conducted the Pledge.
- IV. Minutes** MOTION to approve the minutes of November 19, 2015, with corrections.
M / S: Chen / Arefi Ayes: All
- V. Agenda** MOTION to approve the agenda of January 28, 2016.
M / S: Chen / Arefi Ayes: All
- VI. Announcements:** Roundtable introductions were conducted; staff distributed the SCC's roster, announced the Commissioners' Luncheon on April 30, and noted that elections for Chair and Vice Chair would be conducted at the February 25 meeting.
- VII. Public Forum:** None.
- VIII. New Business**

1. Discuss Future of Sister City Program

Commissioner Arefi reviewed his research and findings for the benefit of new commissioners. Staff noted past challenges and potential solutions moving forward. It was noted that a lengthy discussion is expected at the February 25 meeting.

IX. Old Business

1. City Plaza Signs

Vice Chair Arbaugh reported on his research. Staff noted that she is in process contacting Fort Worth, Texas staff to get the dimensions of the sign that city posted. She also noted that this project was for one sign in City Plaza and would require approval from the Council before proceeding.

2. Seongnam City, South Korea: Draft Memorandum of Understanding Review

Staff stated there is no update and she has not had any contact with the Seongnam representative. She recommended taking this item off the agenda until Seongnam contacts the City.

3. E-Pal Project with Sister Cities

Communications between Milpitas and Tsukuba students continues and there is nothing new to report.

4. Tsukuba City, Japan

No new information was discussed.

5. Dagupan City, Philippines

No new information was discussed.

6. Huizhou Municipality, China

Staff thanked Commissioners Chen, Chang, Bayot and Llamas for attending the officials' visit of January 14, 2016. She reported on the meeting, gift exchange, flying of the Chinese flag, and display in city hall conducted for the visit.

- X. Student Liaison Report** – Horyza noted that she now attends CalHills High School and maintains contact with the Digital Business Academy teacher and is corresponding with a Tsukuba student.

XI. City Council Liaison Report – None

- XII. School District Liaison Report** – Three items were noted: 1) Item 2016.19 was passed by the Board that approved a new school site at McCandless and Montague Expressway; 2) Item 2016.20 was passed by the Board that approved the Environmental Impact Report for the school site, and; 3) A dual immersion language (Spanish/English) program at Randall Elementary was approved.

XIII. Future Agenda Items

1. Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchanges
 - i. Tsukuba, Japan
 - ii. Dagupan, Philippines
 - iii. Huizhou, China
2. MOU Display on 2nd Floor of Milpitas City Hall
3. Sister City Relationship with a city in Latin America

XII. Adjournment

No further business was discussed. Vice Chair Arbaugh requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. until the rescheduled meeting of February 25, 2016.

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting of January 28, 2016 to the regular meeting of February 25, 2016.

M / S: Chen / Arefi

Ayes: All

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Stobbe
Staff Liaison