



Agenda

Sister Cities Commission

February 25, 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: January 28, 2016

V. Approval of Agenda: February 25, 2015

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. Elections

Background: Existing SCC bylaws state that a Chair and Vice Chair are to be selected annually at the first meeting of the year for a term of one year. The Chair is responsible for calling meetings to order and presiding over all sessions. Additionally, the Chair receives Commissioners' notices of being unable to attend a meeting. The Vice Chair assumes the Chair's duties in his / her absence. Review SCC bylaws at: ci.milpitas.ca.gov/_pdfs/commissions/scc/scc_bylaws.pdf.

Recommendation: Conduct elections for Chair and Vice Chair positions.

IX. Old Business

2. 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.

Recommendation: Review research, as needed, and current concerns regarding lack of community involvement, and discuss the future of the Sister Cities Program.

3. 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 will present potential cost estimates for review.

4. Framed MOUs in City Hall, 2nd Floor Rotunda

Background: The City Manager's Office staff has a cost estimate to complete this work by June 30. Silver-chrome lettering (same as used throughout city hall) will be used to state the sister city name and country above each framed MOU.

Recommendation: Receive staff update.

5. E-Pal Project with Sister Cities

Background: This project began with 13 students matched with Tsukuba students. Dagupan and Huizhou are now participating this academic year. There are 55 Milpitas High School, Digital Business Academy students participating.

Recommendation: Receive staff update.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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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