

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

MINUTES
February 25, 2016

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call** Chair Grilli called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners present: Arbaugh, Arefi, Bayot, Chen, Chang, Grilli, Llamas. Alternate commissioner present: Manogaran. Absent alternate commissioner: Awasthi.
- Council Liaison Marsha Grilli: Absent
MHS Student Liaison Mikayla Horyza: Present
MUSD Liaison Gunawan Alisantosa: Absent
Staff Liaison Leslie Stobbe: Present
- II. Alternates Seating of** Alternate Commissioner Manogaran was seated.
- III. Allegiance Pledge of** Chair Grilli conducted the Pledge.
- IV. Minutes** MOTION to approve the minutes of January 28, 2016.
M / S: Arefi / Arbaugh Ayes: All with one Abstention: Grilli
- V. Agenda** MOTION to approve the agenda of February 25, 2016.
M / S: Arbaugh / Arefi Ayes: All
- VI. Announcements:** None.
- VII. Public Forum:** None.
- VIII. New Business**
- 1. Elections**
Staff conducted nominations for Chair. Commissioner Grilli was nominated and there were no other nominations.

MOTION: To elect Commissioner Grilli as Chair of the SCC.

M / S: Arefi / Arbaugh Ayes: All

Staff conducted nominations for Vice Chair. Commissioner Arefi was nominated and there were no other nominations.

MOTION: To elect Commissioner Arefi as Vice Chair of the SCC.

M / S: Arbaugh / Manogaran Ayes: All

IX. Old Business

2. Discuss Future of Sister City Program

By consensus the SCC decided to postpone this discussion until the Council Liaison could be present. The SCC then discussed outreach for homestays for the 2016 student visits.

3. City Plaza Signs

Staff reported that she is trying to contact a representative at Fort Worth, TX regarding the dimensions of the signs the SCC selected. Commissioner Arbaugh confirmed that staff was taking over this project to get quotes and move forward.

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

Staff noted that the City Manager's Office has taken over this project. Staff will provide updates at a future meeting.

5. E-Pal Project with Sister Cities

Staff noted that the supervising teacher reports that communications between students are successfully ongoing. The project with Tsukuba students will wrap-up soon as its school year ends in early April. There is an idea to exchange video letters between the students. Staff is working how to accomplish this and will report progress at the next meeting. Staff distributed examples of the assignment to provide all e-Pal students with a graphic representation of "What it means to be an American, a Californian, a Milpitas High School Student" to each sister city e-Pal.

4. Tsukuba City, Japan

No new information was discussed.

5. Dagupan City, Philippines

No new information was discussed.

6. Huizhou Municipality, China

No new information was discussed.

X. Student Liaison Report – None.

XI. City Council Liaison Report – None

XII. School District Liaison Report – None.

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 6:35 p.m. until the regularly meeting of March 24, 2016.

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting of February 25, 2016 to the regular meeting of March 24, 2016.

M / S: Arefi / Arbaugh

Ayes: All

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Stobbe
Staff Liaison