



Agenda

Sister Cities Commission

April 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: March 24, 2016**
- V. Approval of Agenda: April 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. Old Business**
 - 1. Discuss Future of Sister City Program**
Background: The SCC reviewed concerns regarding lack of community involvement and ideas to increase public awareness of the Program at its previous meeting. It was determined to continue the discussion at the April meeting.

Recommendation: Discuss first steps and possible draft plan to guide the future of the Sister Cities Program. Discuss 2016 homestays.
 - 2. 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.
 - 3. E-Pal Project with Sister Cities**

Background: The project will start ending down with the end of the academic year. Students are encouraged to maintain email contact with each other during the summer and into the future. New matches of students will be conducted in September. Staff created a video letter of Tsukuba students and sent this to that city's contact. It was received and appreciated with a viewing conducted at each Tsukuba school where the e-Pals attend.

Recommendation: View video letter and 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.

Staff received notice from Tsukuba staff that the contact person has changed. Also, there was brief mention of future exchanges. City staff has sent an email requesting to discuss details.

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.

A thank you letter is included in the agenda packet for the Chair's signature at the April 28 meeting.

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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