

CITY OF MILPITAS
SISTER CITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION (SCC)
4th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, MILPITAS CITY HALL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

July 7, 2016

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call** Chair Grilli called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners present: Arefi, Chen, Chang, Grilli, Llamas. Commissioners absent: None. Alternate commissioners present: Awasthi. Alternate commissioners absent: Manogaran.
- Council Liaison Marsha Grilli: Present
MHS Student Liaison: unfilled
MUSD Liaison Gunawan Alisantosa: Present
Staff Liaison Leslie Stobbe: Present
- II. Alternates Seating of** Alternate Commissioner Awasthi was seated.
- III. Allegiance Pledge of** Flag not present in 4th Floor Conference Room.
- IV. Minutes** MOTION to approve the minutes of April 28, 2016.
M / S: Arefi / Chen Ayes: All
- V. Agenda** MOTION to approve the agenda of July 7, 2016.
M / S: Arefi / Chen Ayes: All
- VI. Announcements:**
- VII. Public Forum:** None.
- VIII. New Business**
- 1. Cancellation of Regular July Meeting**
Since this July 7 meeting is being conducted, the commission agreed to cancel the regular meeting of July 28.
- MOTION: Cancel the regular meeting of July 28, 2016.
M / S: Chen / Awasthi Ayes: All

2. FY2016-2017 Work Plan & September 6, 2017 Council Presentation

The SCC reviewed the work plan and recommended changes. Chair Grilli requested staff to return at the next meeting with a final draft of the work plan and a draft presentation for the SCC to review.

3. Select a Student Liaison for FY16-17

The SCC reviewed resumes submitted by students from the Digital Business Academy at Milpitas High School. Four were ranked for contact by the staff liaison.

IX. Old Business

1. Discuss Ideas and Methods to Promote the Sister Cities Program

The SCC discussed a procedure to advise Chair Grilli and staff of articles and mentions they would like placed on the City's Facebook page that would not violate the Brown Act. Ideas are to start Facebook articles with announcement that there are three sister cities and one friendship city and include one fact about each city, then; place information about the ePal Project on Facebook, and; work with *The Milpitas Post* to place an article about the ePal Project.

2. City Plaza Signs

The SCC reviewed cost and feasibility of three different types of signs. It was determined that the sign to be recommended to the Council would model after the Fort Worth, Texas sign for its sister cities.

3. E-Pal Project with Sister Cities

No new information because this project is on hiatus during the summer break.

5. Tsukuba City, Japan

Commissioner Arefi agreed to be the lead commissioner to this city. No other new information was discussed.

6. Dagupan City, Philippines

No new information was discussed.

7. Huizhou Municipality, China

No new information was discussed.

8. Seongnam City – South Korea, Friendship City

Consensus was to keep this as an ongoing item on the SCC agenda.

X. Student Liaison Report – None

XI. City Council Liaison Report – None

XII. School District Liaison Report – Cheryl Jordan was appointed the Interim

Superintendent of MUSD; new MHS principal is Phillip Morales. A former Huizhou

student that has just graduated Beijing University has visited Liaison Alisantosa and his family.

XIII. Future Agenda Items

1. Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchanges
 - i. Tsukuba, Japan
 - ii. Dagupan, Philippines
 - iii. Huizhou, China
2. Sister City Relationship with a city in Latin America – Place on August 25 agenda
3. Work Plan & Council Presentation, 9/06/16 – Place on August 25 agenda

XII. Adjournment

No further business was discussed. Chair Grilli requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. until the regularly meeting of August 25, 2016.

MOTION: Adjourn the special meeting of July 7, 2016 to the regular meeting of August 25, 2016.

M / S: Chen / Awasthi

Ayes: All

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Stobbe
Staff Liaison