

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

MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 25, 2016

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call** Chair Grilli called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners present: Arefi, Awasthi, Chen, Chang, Grilli, Llamas, Manogaran. Commissioners absent: None.
- Council Liaison Marsha Grilli: Absent
MHS Student Liaison Dinh: Present
MUSD Liaison Gunawan Alisantosa: Absent
Staff Liaison Leslie Stobbe: Present
- II. Alternates Seating of** There are currently no alternatives appointed to the SCC.
- III. Allegiance Pledge of** Chair Grilli lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Minutes** MOTION to approve the minutes of July 7, 2016.
M / S: Chen / Arefi Ayes: All
- V. Agenda** MOTION to approve the agenda of August 25, 2016.
M / S: Chen / Arefi Ayes: All
- VI. Announcements:**
- VII. Public Forum:** None.
- VIII. New Business**
- 1. Presentation Prepared by Commissioner Chen**
The SCC viewed Commissioner Chen's slide presentation about the SCC for use when he is requested to present information about its program and duties.
 - 2. Possible Sister City Relationship with a Latin American City**
Commissioner Llamas presented information about Santiago, Chile and Lima, Peru. It was noted that both cities already have sister city relationships with large cities in

the US. A suggestion was made to research smaller cities nearer to these cities so that they could be included in possible trips to a smaller city. Each city researched needs to include the population.

IX. Old Business

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

The SCC reviewed the final work plan and there were two changes.

MOTION: to approve the FY2016-17 Work Plan of the SCC

M / S: Arefi / Chen

Ayes: All

Further discussion occurred regarding the slide presentation with minor changes.

2. Student Liaison for FY15-16

The SCC met Tiffany Dinh, new Student Liaison and Digital Business Academy Student.

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

The SCC discussed participation in the Town Hall Meeting on September 28.

Commissioners Arefi and Awasthi volunteered to staff an information table.

4. City Plaza Signs

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

5. e-Pal Project with Sister Cities

No new information at this time; both the staff liaison and Digital Business Academy teacher are gearing up to match students in September.

6. Tsukuba City, Japan

There is interest from Tsukuba representatives to send Mr. Mineo Kageya to Milpitas to provide a lesson in the Karuta Japanese card game. Mr. Kageya is willing to lead a three hour community event and four hour school presentation to create quality cards for the game. If needed, this time can be shortened. Staff recommended Saturday, November 5, 2017 for a possible community event and will check with Andrea Hutchinson for a date in the classroom. The SCC agreed this would be good outreach for the program.

Discussed followed regarding publicizing the card game event, possible location and materials needed.

7. Dagupan City, Philippines

No new information was discussed.

8. Huizhou Municipality, China

Huizhou representatives have expressed sending an adult delegation from their community. They are researching plane fairs and working with their tourist bureau and will contact staff when they have more information.

9. Seongnam City – South Korea, Friendship City

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

XII. Adjournment

No further business was discussed. Chair Grilli requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. until the regularly meeting of September 29, 2016.

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting of August 25, 2016 to the regular meeting of September 22, 2016.

M / S: Manogaran / Arefi

Ayes: All

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Stobbe
Staff Liaison