



## ***Agenda*** ***Sister Cities Commission***

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October 27, 2016  
Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room  
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.  
6:00 PM

- I. Roll Call**
- II. Seating of Alternates**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of Minutes: September 29, 2016**
- V. Approval of Agenda: October 27, 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. New Business**
  - 1. Cancellation of Nov. 24 and Possible Rescheduling of December 22 Meetings**  
**Background:** The November 24, 2016 meeting falls on Thanksgiving Day, a City holiday. The December 22, 2016 meeting falls within the week of the Christmas holidays, for which the SCC has rescheduled its meeting in the past.  
  
**Recommendation:** Cancel the Nov. 24 meeting to reconvene on a meeting date in December to be determined by the SCC.
  - 2. Develop Relationship with new Milpitas High School Leadership Team**  
**Background:** Principal Phil Morales started this fall with Milpitas High School (MHS) along with two new associate vice principals. In order to continue sister city student visits with homestays, the SCC set a task in its FY16-17 work plan to establish a relationship with this new leadership. Of note, Huizhou representatives have requested to establish a sister school relationship between MHS and a school in Huizhou, China.

**Recommendation:** Review and discuss. Select a lead commissioner or a team of two commissioners to meet with Principal Morales.

**3. Discuss Interest in Sister City Relationship with Bhopal, India**

**Background:** Commissioner Awasthi requested this item to discuss this city's interest in becoming a Milpitas Sister City.

**Recommendation:** Receive presentation from Commissioner Awasthi

**IX. Old Business**

**1. Possible Sister City Relationship with a Latin America City**

**Background:** Commissioner Llamas was conducting this research but has since had to resign her position. This topic needs another lead commissioner to continue.

**Recommendation:** Review and discuss.

**3. Current Ideas in Motion to Promote the Sister City Program**

**Background:** There was an article in the September 16, 2016 edition of The Milpitas Post promoting the ePal Project and video letters exchanged with Tsukuba City.

Commissioners Arefi and Awasthi have staffed an information table at the Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, September 29.

There is a fun and interactive community event in planning stages for Saturday, November 5. The Cracolice Building has been reserved from 10AM – 1PM to host the event. Mr. Mineo Kageya from the Japan Institute will provide a lesson about the Karuta Japanese card game and how to make cards. He will to lead a two-hour school presentation with DMA students on November 4 in the Milpitas High School Library. SCC volunteers are needed to help with this event.

The card game requires that 26 Milpitas topics / locations be identified that will be used to make illustrations for the cards.

**Recommendation:** Receive updates, decide how to implement ideas and determine a schedule. Volunteers needed to help with providing tours of Milpitas for Mr. Karuta's stay, assist at the Nov. 4 and 5 events, and help with identifying 26 Milpitas topics / locations.

**4. City Plaza Signs**

**Background:** At its last meeting, the SCC identified a possible location for the sign; at the landscaped area adjacent to the walk up to entrance doors on the City Plaza side of city hall.

**Recommendation:** Consider a City Council meeting date to present a full proposal.

**5. E-Pal Project with Sister Cities**

**Background:** There are 13 students each from Tsukuba and Milpitas communicating. The remaining students were split between Huizhou and Dagupan. Communications between students are expected to begin the week of November 7, 2016.

**Recommendation:** Note receipt and file.

**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. Commissioner Arefi is the lead commissioner.

Staff prepared a video from Mayor Esteves to Mayor Ichihara who is not seeking reelection at the November 20 election in Tsukuba. Staff will present the brief video.

**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.

Staff accompanied the Dagupan delegation during its visit to Milpitas from October 11 – 14. A presentation and list of expenses for the visit are being prepared review distribution at this meeting.

**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.

**9. Seongnam City, South Korea – Friendship City**

**Background:** Milpitas and Seongnam City became a Friendship City on April 8, 2015.

**Recommendation:** Receive updates and discuss contact initiated by Seongnam, as needed.

**VI. Student Liaison Report**

**VII. City Council Liaison Report**

**VIII. School District Liaison Report**

**IX. Future Agenda Items**

**Ongoing Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchanges**

1. Tsukuba, Japan
2. Dagupan, Philippines
3. Huizhou, China
4. Seongnam City, South Korea (Friendship City)

**Possible New Business: as noted by SCC**

**X. Adjournment**

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