

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

MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 27, 2016

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call** Chair Grilli called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners present: Arefi, Awasthi, Chang, Grilli, Manogaran. Commissioner absent: Chen.
- 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 September 29, 2016.
M / S: Awasthi / Grilli Abstain: Arefi, Manogaran Ayes: Awasthi, Grilli
- V. Agenda** MOTION to approve the agenda of October 27, 2016.
M / S: Arefi / Awasthi Ayes: All
- VI. Announcements:** None.
- VII. Public Forum:** None.
- VIII. New Business**
- 1. Cancellation of Nov. 24 and Possible Rescheduling of December 22 Meetings**
SCC cancelled the Nov. 24 meeting and requested that staff send out a survey to set an alternate date for the Dec. 22 meeting.
 - 2. Develop Relationship with new Milpitas High School Leadership Team**
Commissioners Grilli and Arefi volunteered to form a work team to set a meeting with Milpitas High School Principal Phil Morales to discuss upcoming coordination

between the SCC and MHS. Staff will provide the team with a list of upcoming projects.

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

SCC discussed possible common interests and potential community support. This city did complete a sister city application form. Commissioner will conduct further research to determine potential community support for this sister city request.

IX. Old Business

1. Possible Sister City Relationship with a Latin American City

No discussion occurred and this item was carried to the next meeting.

2. Current Ideas in Motion to Promote the Sister Cities Program

Staff reviewed contact with Charlene Lai regarding SCC's participation with the International BBQ event set for May 27 – 28, 2017. Ms. Tai would like to present to the SCC at a future meeting.

3. City Plaza Signs

Tabled to the next meeting. The SCC decided, by consensus at the September 22 meeting, to recommend sign placement in the landscaped area between the city hall doors and Veterans Plaza.

4. e-Pal Project with Sister Cities

Staff has received matching student lists from both Dagupan and Huizhou. Email communications are set to begin with these students the week of Nov. 7. Communications with Tsukuba-matched students began in early October.

5. Tsukuba City, Japan

The SCC discussed preparation for Nov. 4 and 5 Karuta in Milpitas! events and coordination with the MHS, Digital Business Academy. Commissioner Arefi will accompany staff to pick up Mr. Mineo Kageya at San Jose International Airport the evening of Nov. 1.

6. Dagupan City, Philippines

The visiting delegation arrived home safely. There are no other updates.

7. Huizhou Municipality, China

Huizhou representatives are interested in furthering the discussion of a sister school relationship between two high schools.

8. 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
2. Bhopal, India

XII. Adjournment

No further business was discussed. Chair Grilli requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. until the next regularly meeting. To be determined in December based on survey of commissioner availability.

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting of October 27, 2016 to a special meeting in December to be determined.

M / S: Manogaran / Awasthi Ayes: All

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Stobbe
Staff Liaison