

**CITY OF MILPITAS
SISTER CITIES COMMISSION UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

MINUTES: Meeting of the Sister Cities Commission (SCC)
DATE OF MEETING: May 26, 2011
PLACE OF MEETING: Milpitas City Hall, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Committee Meeting Room

I. ROLL Chair Grilli called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
Commissioners/Alternates Present: Arbaugh, Arefi, Galvan, Grilli, Mateo, Ortega, Serpa
Commissioners Absent: Hardin, Quejado and Tran
City Council Liaison Present: Vice Mayor McHugh
MUSD Liaison Present: Alisantosa
Staff Present: Stobbe, Clark

II. ALTERNATES The chair did not seat alternate members.

III. PLEDGE Chair Grilli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. MINUTES **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of April 28, 2011.
M/S: Serpa/Mateo AYES: All

V. AGENDA **MOTION** to approve the Agenda for May 26, 2011.
M/S: Serpa/Arefi AYES: All

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: None

VII. PUBLIC FORUM: Abraham Cruz, 2730 Peridal Place San Jose, introduced himself as the Milpitas reporter for *Tri City Voice* and stated he attended to observe the meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: None

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN

Commissioner Arbaugh reported that Echo Author left on May 11 for Japan and noted he has not heard anything new about her visit. It was reported in the media that Milpitas-based KLA Tencor donated \$250,000 to the Japanese relief fund. North Valley Christian Fellowship on Hanson Court in Milpitas raised \$1,000 which it paid to the City for transfer directly to Tsukuba.

2. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA

Chair Grilli announced no new developments regarding a student or officials' visit.

3. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILIPPINES

Commissioner Mateo received official bylaws signed March 18, 2011 designating official members of the Dagupan's sister cities commission.

4. NAM-GU, INCHEON, SOUTH KOREA

Commissioner Tran sent an email to Nam-Gu representatives she has not received any response yet.

5. WESTERN EUROPEAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH STATUS REPORT

Province of Florence, Italy: Commissioner Serpa will be traveling to Florence, Italy this October. She reported that a MOU was signed by the president of Florence and Dave Cortese, Chair of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. An ongoing research project between the County of Santa Clara and the President of Florence will work towards establishment of sister city relationships between cities in this county and towns in Florence, Italy. Commissioner Serpa expects to have more information after her visit.

Karlshamn, Sweden: Vice Chair Arfei has heard nothing new from Karlshamn.

Update from Commissioner Arbaugh: He noted that he has made contact with three cities: Hochheim, Germany; Derby, England; Salzburg, Austria. All three stated that because of the global economic downturn, their city is in a budget deficit and cannot entertain the idea of a sister city at this time.

X. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Vice Mayor McHugh reported that the Council approved the budget on a 3-2 vote. The Mayor and Vice Mayor objected due to a discovery of approximately \$130,000 to \$150,000 from adopted fee increases. He also reviewed budget cuts and concessions from employee groups. Additionally, the food pantry will be moving to a new location on Main St. The redevelopment agency purchased the building and the food pantry will rent from the City of Milpitas with a three-year lease.

XI. SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON REPORT

Liaison Alisantosa reported that he attended the last DARE graduation this morning at Pomeroy Elementary. With a new program, "Character Counts", will replace DARE as a cost saving measure created by Milpitas Police Chief Dennis Graham. He also announced that Barbara Young fill the Interim Superintendent position until a permanent superintendent is appointed.

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Sister City & Friendship Relationships / Cultural Exchanges
 - i. Huizhou City, China
 - ii. Dagupan City, Philippines
 - iii. Tsukuba City, Japan
 - iv. Nam-gu, Incheon, South Korea
2. Western European Sister City Research / Update
3. Ceremonial Flags Ordinance
4. Cancel July and August Meetings

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Grilli adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm to the next meeting on June 23 2011.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting.

M/S: Serpa/Mateo

AYES: All

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Clark

Leslie Stobbe

Recording Secretary

Staff Liaison