

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

MINUTES: Meeting of the Sister Cities Commission (SCC)
DATE OF MEETING: October 27, 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, Hardin, Serpa, Tran & Mateo.
Commissioners Absent: Ortega.
City Council Liaison present: Vice Mayor McHugh
Student Liaison Present: Brenda Su
MUSD Liaison présent: Alisantosa
Staff Present: Clark, Stobbe

II. ALTERNATES Alternate commissioner Galvan was seated.

III. PLEDGE Chair Grilli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. MINUTES **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of September 22,2011
M/S: Serpa/Mateo **AYES: All**

V. AGENDA **MOTION** to approve the Agenda for October 27, 2011.
M/S: Arbaugh/Grilli **AYES: All**

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
Staff liaison Leslie Stobbe announced that Brenda Su will be our new student liaison.

VII. PUBLIC FORUM
No public present

NEW BUSINESS

1. SCC Budget & Gifts

Staff stated the budget for each Sister City is \$2,600 per city and shared examples of how funds were used in past years to purchase gifts. Discussions followed regarding types of gifts would be best for visiting dignitaries. A stock item for visiting delegations would be best along with a better box for the Key to the City ceremonial gift. The Commission would like appropriate gifts for visitors with city logo; examples include cups and pens for gift bags. Staff to research ideas and report-back.

2. November & December Meetings

In the past because of the holidays SCC has not met during these months. The commission discussed setting a meeting for November 17, subject to cancellation if no pending business.

Motion: Set next meeting for November 17 and cancel December 22, 2011 SCC Meetings.

M/S Serpa /Mateo

AYES: ALL

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN

Commissioner Dana Arbaugh is coordinating the 15-year anniversary photo exchange. Tsukuba staff will send photos in early November. Commission explored how to display photos in the City Hall flyer, development costs, request to use Milpitas Camera Club display panels and publicity using KMLP-15, City website, and presenting the slide shows at a council meeting.

2. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA

Chair Grilli reported the 13-student delegation participated in spirit week at MHS. Student visitors and hosts along with several adult chaperones went on a successful day trip to San Francisco. The feedback on the visit from the host parents was a 98% positive experience. Huizhou then students went on to visit Washington DC and New York.

3. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILIPPINES

Commissioner Mateo reported there are no new updates and no new communications with Dagupan. Staff Liaison discussed sending an email to Mike Nguyen a staffer in Congressman Mike Honda's office about the current travel warning for the Philippines. She awaits an answer. Chair Grilli reviewed his research with MHS Principal Kenneth Schlaff about accommodating Dagupan students that included declining to send Milpitas students to Dagupan.

4. NAM-GU, INCHEON, SOUTH KOREA

No new responses from Nam-Gu, staff Liaison Stobbe to sent an email to Mr. Cheng that went without response.

5. WESTERN EUROPEAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH STATUS REPORT

Province of Florence, Italy:

Lead Commissioner Serpa returned from a visit to Italy, where she expressed Milpitas' interest in a sister city relationship in the Province of Florence. While on her visit she met with L'Assessore (Assistant Mayor) Caterina Cardi and received a letter of intent to begin the process of a sister city relationship with Figline Valdarino. During her visit, she was interviewed by Italian Television. Staff Liaison Stobbe to put together an MOU of the Sister City relationship agreement.

Motion to approve a proclamation to form a sister city relationship with Figline Valdarino

M/S Serpa / Arbaugh

AYES: ALL

IX. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Highlights of the last council meeting

- Council opposed the additional inmates that will be coming to Elmwood facility: Governor's decision to shift more prisoners to local jails this will be distributed to legislation representatives.
- Two proposals for art pieces for the renovated Alviso Adobe Park: the Council decided because the cost was \$20 thousand per art piece that they would approve both. One is a miniature water town and the other a historic wagon.
- Controversial attempt at Campaign reform: Contribution limits from an individual now set at \$500. Requires registration for consultants for campaign transparency.

X. SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON REPORT

Liaison Gunawan reported that currently MUSD is working on a GO bonds survey studied what is needed to get a bond measure going for the polls February 2012 primary election ballot.

Schools are making good progress.

XI. 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
 - v. Figline Valdarino, Italy
 - vi. Ceremonial flags ordinance
 - vii. Research new gift items for future presentation to visiting delegations.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Grilli adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm next sister cities meeting is November 17, 2011.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting.

M/S: Serpa/Arefi

AYES: All

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Clark

Sister Cities Recording Secretary

Leslie Stobbe

Sister Cities Liaison