

AGENDA

Sister Cities Commission

March 22, 2012
Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
7:00 PM

I. Roll Call

II. Seating of Alternates

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Minutes: February 23, 2012

V. Approval of Agenda

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 on 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. ELECTIONS

Background: Sister Cities Commission by-laws require that the Chair and Vice Chair be elected annually at the first meeting of the year. This item was not on the January 19 agenda and was postponed on February 24 to the March 22 meeting.

Recommendation: Conduct elections for the Chair and Vice Chair positions.

2. PLANNING TIMEFRAMES

Background: At the February 23 meeting, staff requested the opportunity to review time-certain planning activities with the Commission.

Recommendation: Receive staff report and discuss.

3. FUNDRAISING POSSIBILITIES

Background: At the February 23 meeting, the Commission directed staff to obtain legal review of the Commission's ability to raise funds as a non-profit group.

Recommendation: Receive staff update.

VIII. Old Business

1. SISTER CITY GIFTS

Background: At its February 24, 2012 meeting, the Commission considered gift selections and choose to purchase 50 pens. At its September 22, 2011 and subsequent meetings, the Commission reviewed ways to present the Key to the City. Staff has since researched options. One option is purchase of a wood box and another is mounting the key emblem to a plaque.

Recommendation: Receive staff report on options and costs for the Key to the City.

2. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN: STATUS REPORT

Background: Commissioner Arbaugh leads this sister city relationship.

- Milpitas and Tsukuba signed an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in August 2009 for a five-year term.
- No future visits planned between Milpitas and Tsukuba.
- The 15th anniversary photo exchange is a success!

Recommendation: Discuss new information as available.

3. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA: STATUS REPORT

Background: Chair Grilli leads this sister city relationship.

- Milpitas and Huizhou signed an updated MOU in September 2008 for a five-year term.
- Report information about possible student and adult exchanges.

Recommendation: Receive report from Chair Grilli regarding possibility of an officials' delegation visit in May and a student delegation visit in October. Receive report from School Board Liaison Alisantosa regarding possibility of a Milpitas student / adult delegation visit to Huizhou.

4. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILIPPINES: STATUS REPORT

Background: Commissioner Mateo leads this sister city relationship.

- Milpitas and Dagupan signed an updated MOU in September 2009 for a five-year term.
- Report information about possible student and/or adult exchanges as available.

Recommendation: Receive report from Lead Commissioner Mateo regarding an official's visit in May and a Dagupan student / adult delegation visit in October.

5. FIGLINE VALDARINO, ITALY: STATUS REPORT

Background: Commissioner Serpa currently leads this potential sister city relationship:

- Review status of recommendation of this relationship to City Council.
- Consider presentation of plaque from Figline Valdarino and proclamation from the County of Santa Clara at the December 6, 2011 City Council Meeting.

Recommendation: Receive report from Lead Commissioner Serpa regarding a visit of Mayor Riccardo Nocentini and Mr. Daniele Raspini from May 4 – 10, 2012.

IX. City Council Liaison Report

X. School District Liaison Report

XI. Future Agenda Items

1. Sister City & Friendship Relationships / Cultural Exchanges:
 - i. Huizhou City, China
 - ii. Dagupan City, Philippines
 - iii. Tsukuba City, Japan
 - iv. Figline Valdarno, Italy
2. Sister City Gifts
3. Planning Timeframes
4. Fundraising Possibilities

XII. Adjournment

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