



Agenda ***Sister Cities Commission***

October 25, 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: September 27, 2012**
- V. Approval of Agenda: October 25, 2012**
- 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. Emergency Preparedness Commission Presentation**
Background: The Emergency Preparedness Commission requested this presentation time of Chair Grilli

Recommendation: Receive presentation and conduct question and answer period, as needed.
- IX. Old Business**
 - 1. Town Hall Meeting – Thursday, October 11 7 – 9PM**
Background: Commissioners Grilli, Serpa and Hardin attended the event to support an information table about Milpitas' sister cities.

Recommendation: Receive report from attending commissioners.
 - 2. Use of Social Media for Sister Cities Relationships**

Background: At the September 27 meeting, Commissioner Arbaugh expressed interest in contact with Tsukuba staff in the hope of continuing this program with that city. Also, the Student Liaison will provide a verbal report regarding contact between Milpitas High School and sister city students.

Recommendation: Receive report from Commissioner Arbaugh and Student Liaison Su. Discuss next steps and / or explore new ideas.

6. MCTV-26 Focus on City Commissions

Background: At the September 27 meeting, Commissioner Arbaugh reviewed a draft story board with the SCC. Comments were shared with the direction to complete recording of this documentary segment.

Recommendation: Receive report from Commissioner Arefi.

7. Sister City Commission Promotional Expenses

Background: At the beginning of this fiscal year, the Commission has a spending limit of \$6,240. Expenses totaling \$1,393.61 were incurred to host the Dagupan and Huizhou students and adults. A detailed expense report is included in the agenda packet.

Recommendation: Review expenses and discuss as needed.

8. Tsukuba City, Japan

Background: Commissioner Arbaugh leads this sister city relationship. Current developments: Tsukuba staff reported that their program for electronic pen pals was ending and they would not be providing new students to participate. Milpitas and Tsukuba signed an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on September 1, 2009 for a five-year term, ending September 1, 2014.

Recommendation: Receive report from Lead Commissioner Arbaugh about possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

9. Dagupan City, Philippines

Background: Commissioner Mateo leads this sister city relationship. Current developments: A student delegation visited Milpitas and attended Milpitas High School (MHS) October 13 – 21. The delegation included four adults and 12 students. Itineraries for this visit are included in the agenda packet. In addition, staff research regarding the State Department's travel advisory to the Philippines finds that an updated travel advisory does not include "Manila and surrounding areas" as was previously stated. This warning focuses specifically on southern regions of the Philippines. The State Department's warning against travel to the Philippines, dated June 14, 2012 can be viewed at:

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_5734.html. Also, based on information available at the time - especially the State Department's warning against travel to the Philippines that included "Manila and surrounding areas" - the SCC formally

recommended to City Council that a student delegation not travel to the Philippines at its meeting of November 17, 2011. These minutes can be viewed at: http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/_pdfs/commissions/scc/2011/111711/minutes.pdf. Milpitas and Dagupan signed an updated MOU in September 15, 2009 for a five-year term, ending September 15, 2013.

Recommendation: Receive report from Lead Commissioner Mateo regarding a Dagupan student delegation visit in October. Discuss positives and negatives in terms of continuous improvement of the visit experience.

10. Huizhou Municipality, China

Background: Chair Grilli leads this sister city relationship. Current developments: A student delegation visited Milpitas and attended MHS October 14 – 20. The delegation included two adults and 10 students. Itineraries for this visit are included in the agenda packet. A delegation of Huizhou officials is tentatively set to visit Milpitas in November with a presentation at a City Council, if possible. Milpitas and Huizhou signed an updated MOU on September 20, 2008 for a five-year term, ending September 20, 2013.

Recommendation: Receive report from Chair Grilli regarding student delegation visit in October. Discuss positives and negatives in terms of continuous improvement of the visit experience.

11. Comune de Figline Valdarno, Italy

Background: Vice Chair Serpa leads this sister city relationship. Milpitas and Figline Valdarno signed their first MOU on May 8, 2012 for a two-year term.

Recommendation: Receive report from Vice Chair Serpa about possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

12. City Council Liaison Report

13. School District Liaison Report

14. Future Agenda Items

- a. Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchanges
 - i. Tsukuba, Japan
 - ii. Dagupan, Philippines
 - iii. Huizhou, China
 - iv. Figline Valdarno, Italy
- b. Global Milpitas Event, October 2014
- c. Use of Social Media for Sister Cities Relationships / Student Liaison
- d. Sister City Commission Promotional Expenses

15. Adjournment

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