

**CITY OF MILPITAS
SISTER CITIES COMMISSION MINUTES**

MINUTES: Meeting of Sister Cities Commission (SCC)
DATE OF MEETING: Thursday, July 23, 2009
PLACE OF MEETING: Milpitas City Hall, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Committee Meeting Room

I. ROLL **Commissioner Chen** called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.
Commissioners / Alternates Present: Chen, Serpa, Arefi, Tran, and Ortega.
Commissioners Absent: Grilli, Arbaugh, Mateo, Hardin
City Council Liaison Present: Vice Mayor McHugh
MUSD Liaison Present: Alisantosa
Staff Present: Cuciz, Clark

II. ALTERNATES Alternate Commissioner Serpa was seated.

III. PLEDGE Commissioner Chen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. MINUTES **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of May 28th, 2009.
M/S: Arefi/Serpa AYES: All

V. AGENDA **MOTION** to approve the July 23, 2009 agenda.
M/S: Serpa/Tran AYES: All

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: None

VII. PUBLIC FORUM: None present.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

1. CONSIDERATION OF NON-VOTING STUDENT MEMBER:

Staff liaison Cuciz reported that she attended the Youth Advisory Commission on July 9th for Chairperson Grilli. She indicated that one student was interested and will attend the August Sister Cities Commission meeting.

2. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA:

Huizhou will be visiting Milpitas in October and/or November 2009. Chair Grilli will report in August. Huizhou has offered to cover room and board for Milpitas visitors to Huizhou in 2010.

3. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILIPPINES:

Staff Liaison Cuciz reported that Dagupan is planning to send a delegation to Milpitas on September 15, 2009 and will attend the City Council meeting on that date. At the Council meeting, it is proposed to renew the MOU with Dagupan for five years.

4. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN:

Staff Liaison Cuciz reported that Tsukuba would be renewing their MOU with Milpitas. The draft MOU was finalized and will be presented to the City Council for approval on August 18, 2009. Tsukuba was Milpitas's first Sister City, which began in 1996.

5. NAM-GU, INCHEON, SOUTH KOREA

Staff Liaison Cuciz reported that a government delegation visit from Nam-gu will occur on July 28, 2009. The delegation will be greeted at City Hall and welcomed by Staff Liaison Cuciz, Vice Mayor McHugh and Chair Grilli. Cuciz has arranged for a tour of City Hall, the Milpitas Library and DeVries Place. A signing ceremony will take place between the Mayors's of both cities at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall to sign the Friendship Agreement. Several commissioners noted that they would attend the signing ceremony and a dinner with the group afterwards.

6. WESTERN EUROPEAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH STATUS REPORT:

City Updates:

- Commissioner Arefi asked staff to send informational packets to Cookstown, Northern Ireland, Angers, France and Meppen, Germany. Arefi noted that Cookstown's cultural exchange program has been changed to their marketing department – he indicated that he left a voicemail message with them. Commissioner Arefi also reported that he sent an email to Meppen, Germany, as Milpitas and Meppen both share common interests in technology and a similar population.
- Staff Liaison Cuciz noted that responses have not been received from Hochheim, Germany, Derby, England or Newry, Northern Ireland.
- Commissioner Serpa noted that her contact Mr. Matteo Renzi, the former president of the Province of Florence Italy, is now the Mayor of Florence. She is continuing to work on establishing a sister city in the Florence area.

IX. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Vice Mayor McHugh reported the following:

- Stimulus funds of \$157,000 were made available to five local organizations.
- The Vice Mayor was present at a presentation by Kim Roberts, CEO of the Silicon Valley Medical Center Trauma Burn Unit. She discussed the health center that is scheduled to open next summer across from the Milpitas library.

X. SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON REPORT

MUSD Liaison Alisantosa reported the following:

- School attendance boundary changes are occurring for two new housing developments.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Sister City & Friendship Relationships / Cultural Exchange
 - i. Huizhou City, China
 - ii. Dagupan City, PI
 - iii. Tsukuba City, Japan – Expiration of Agreement
 - iv. Nam-gu, Incheon, South Korea
2. Western European Sister City Research / Update
3. Student Representative - Non-voting.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

No further business was discussed and Commissioner Chen adjourned the meeting at 7:51 P.M. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on August 27, 2009.

MOTION to adjourn.

M/S: Arefi/Serpa

AYES: All

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Clark
Sister Cities Recording Secretary

Holly Cuciz
Sister Cities Liaison