

**CITY OF MILPITAS
SISTER CITIES COMMISSION MINUTES**

MINUTES: Meeting of Sister Cities Commission (SCC)
DATE OF MEETING: Thursday, September 24, 2009
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: Chen, Grilli, Hardin, Serpa, Mateo, & Tran.
Commissioners Absent: Arbaugh, Arefi, Ortega,
City Council Liaison Absent: Vice Mayor McHugh
MUSD Liaison Present: Alisantosa
Staff Present: Clark

II. ALTERNATES Alternate Commissioners Hardin and Serpa were seated.

III. PLEDGE Chair Grilli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. MINUTES **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of August 27, 2009.
M/S: Chen/Mateo AYES: All
Abstain: Serpa

V. AGENDA **MOTION** to approve the September 24, 2009 agenda.
M/S: Serpa/Grilli AYES: All

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: None

VII. PUBLIC FORUM: None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. CONSIDERATION OF NON-VOTING STUDENT MEMBER

The recommendation by the Sister Cities Commission to include a non-voting MUSD student member on the commission was approved by the City Council at their September 15, 2009 meeting and the bylaws were amended.

2. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA

The 2010 visit has been cancelled due to Huizhou's concern about traveling while there is a possible spread of H1N1 Flu. Chair Grilli will speak with the Principal of Milpitas High School to determine the best future dates for a possible visit.

3. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILIPPINES

Commissioner Mateo noted that the MOU between Dagupan and Milpitas was extended for the next five years and that the City Council meeting and dinner with the delegation on September 15, 2009 was a success. The delegation expressed interest in possibly sending a group of elite students to Milpitas in 2010. Mateo will continue discussions with Dagupan's contact person Farah Decano, about the timing of a possible student visit.

4. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN

Commissioner Tran indicated there was nothing at this time to report for Tsukuba.

5. NAM-GU, INCHEON, SOUTH KOREA

Commissioner Chen informed David Chang, the contact person for Namgu, that there would not be a visit to Korea at this time by any of the commissioners or City officials and thanked them for their invitation. Chen has not yet received a response.

6. WESTERN EUROPEAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH STATUS REPORT

City Updates:

Commissioner Serpa has been working with her contact, Mr. Peruzzi, a Santa Clara County Province of Florence Commissioner, who will be going to Empoli for a visit. Serpa has asked him to research and explore a possible sister city relationship between Milpitas and Empoli during this visit. In addition, Serpa is working with another contact, Mr. Massimo Marconcini, who resides in Empoli.

There are no other updates from other Western European contacts.

IX. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

No report.

X. SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON REPORT

Milpitas Unified School District Liaison Alisantosa reported the following:

- Back to school nights were held for the past two weeks. Enrollment is up for the current school year. The Academic Performance index scores were higher than previous years.

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT

No further business was discussed and Chair Grilli adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 22, 2009.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting.

M/S: Serpa/Mateo

All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Clark

Sister Cities Recording Secretary

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Sister Cities Liaison