

AGENDA

Sister Cities Commission

Thursday, March 25, 2010
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 25, 2010**
- V. Approval of Agenda**
- VI. Announcements/Correspondence**

Announcements should only include items directly related to the Sister Cities Commission and City 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 placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

VIII. Old Business

1. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA: STATUS REPORT ON SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP

Background:

Lead Commissioner: Chair Grilli

- Milpitas and Huizhou signed an updated MOU in September 2008 for a five-year term.
- Continue discussions regarding possible student exchanges between Milpitas and Huizhou.

Recommendation: Receive verbal report from Lead Commissioner Grilli.

2. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILIPPINES: STATUS REPORT ON SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP

Background:

Lead Commissioner: Mateo

- Milpitas and Dagupan signed an updated MOU on September 15, 2009, for a five-year term.

- Dagupan officials have indicated their interest in a possible student exchange in 2010. They also extended an invitation to visit during their Bangus Festival in April 2010. Unfortunately, a delegation will not be able to attend the festival. A formal response letter was sent to Dagupan from the Mayor.

Recommendation: Receive verbal report from Lead Commissioner Mateo.

4. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN: STATUS REPORT ON SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP

Background:

Lead Commissioners: Arbaugh & Tran.

- Milpitas and Tsukuba signed an updated MOU in August 2009, for a five-year term.
- Visits between Milpitas and Tsukuba will not take place in 2010. Discussions are underway for the 15-year sister city anniversary in 2011. Tsukuba is looking for exchange ideas that do not include travel. A photo contest/exchange is being proposed between the cities.

Recommendation: Receive verbal report from Staff Liaison Cuciz & Lead Commissioners Arbaugh and Tran.

5. NAM-GU CITY, INCHEON, SOUTH KOREA: STATUS REPORT ON FRIENDSHIP CITY RELATIONSHIP

Background:

Lead Commissioner: Chen

- A government delegation from Nam-gu visited Milpitas on July 28, 2009. A Signing Ceremony was conducted and the Mayors of both cities signed an open-ended Friendship Agreement.
- Mr. David Chang, the Co-Chairman of the Korean-American Federation of Southwest States (located in Santa Clara) is the local contact for Nam-gu.

Recommendation: Receive verbal report from Lead Commissioner Chen.

6. WESTERN EUROPEAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH STATUS REPORT

Background:

Lead Commissioners: Arefi, Arbaugh & Serpa.

- Commissioner Serpa is working on a possible sister city relationship with Altopascio, Italy. Vice Mayor McHugh and Commissioner Serpa are continuing to research sister city opportunities throughout Italy.
- Commissioner Arefi asked staff to email Arbus, Denmark. They noted on SCI, that they are seeking a sister city.
- In May 2009, Vice Chair Arbaugh requested a discussion about Derby, England. He made contact with John Forkin, Director of Marketing Derby. Staff sent a letter and informational packet to Derby in June 2009. To date no reply has been received. (Lead Commissioner Arbaugh)

- Commissioners Arefi, Arbaugh and Serpa are continuing research on the potential for other western European sister cities.

Recommendation: Receive update from Lead Commissioners Arefi, Arbaugh and Serpa.

7. NON-VOTING STUDENT MEMBER

Background: On September 15, 2009, the Sister Cities Commission bylaws were amended by the City Council to allow for a non-voting student member on the commission.

- Jenny Shen, a Youth Advisory Commission member and Milpitas High School student, attended a Sister Cities Commission meeting in August. At that time she stated that she would be interested in serving in a non-voting position. Staff informed Jenny that she would need to submit an application for the Mayor's review and approval to serve on the commission. To date, the City Clerk's office has not received any applications for this position. Staff has contacted Ms. Shen to determine her possible interest in serving on the commission.

Recommendation: Receive status update.

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. Nam-gu City, Incheon, South Korea
2. Western European Sister City Research
3. Non-Voting Student Member

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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