

**CITY OF MILPITAS
SISTER CITIES COMMISSION MINUTES**

MINUTES: Meeting of Sister Cities Commission (SCC)
DATE OF MEETING: Thursday, March 25, 2010
PLACE OF MEETING: Milpitas City Hall, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Committee Meeting Room

I. ROLL **Vice Chair** Arefi called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
Commissioners / Alternates Present: Arbaugh, Arefi, Chen, Hardin, Mateo, Ortega, & Tran
Commissioners Absent: Grilli & Serpa
City Council Liaison: Absent
MUSD Liaison: Absent
Staff Present: Cuciz, Clark

II. ALTERNATES Alternate Commissioner Hardin was seated.

III. PLEDGE Vice Chair Arefi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. MINUTES **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of February 25, 2010
M/S: Chen/Mateo AYES: All

V. AGENDA **MOTION** to approve the Agenda for March 25, 2010
M/S: Chen/Mateo AYES: All

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Staff reminded the group about the upcoming Commissioners Recognition brunch on April 10, 2010 at Dave & Busters.

VII. PUBLIC FORUM: None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA

Staff Liaison Cuciz stated that Chair Grilli had noted there is no action at this time for Huizhou.

2. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILIPPINES

Commissioner Mateo does not have anything new to report for Dagupan.

3. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN

Staff Liaison Cuciz received a response back from the Tsukuba representative, Wakako Kishida, regarding the idea of an anniversary photo exchange. Ms. Kishida was very interested in this option, but needs time to check with elected officials and commissioners. She noted there is plenty of time for more discussion about the details for a photo exchange in 2011.

4. NAM-GU, INCHEON, SOUTH KOREA

Commissioner Chen does not have anything new to report for Nam-gu.

5. WESTERN EUROPEAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH STATUS REPORT

Altopascio, Italy:

No update.

Arhus, Denmark:

Staff Liaison Cuciz emailed information to Arhus in early March as requested by Commissioner Arefi regarding a possible sister city relationship; no response received as of this time.

Karlshamn Sweden:

Vice Chair Arefi spoke to a person in charge of their international exchange program in an effort to discuss a possible interest in our cities having a sister city relationship. Karlshamn is a small town by the sea in the southern part of Sweden. Staff will email information about Milpitas to the contact in Karlshamn as requested by the commission.

Derby England:

Commissioner Arbaugh has not had any contact from Derby.

6. NON-VOTING STUDENT MEMBER

MUSD Liaison Alisantosa is expected to report at the next meeting on this item. The basic idea is that a student member would usually only be needed during student exchanges.

IX. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

No report.

X. SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON REPORT

No report.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Sister City & Friendship Relationships/Cultural Exchanges
 - i. Huizhou City, China
 - ii. Dagupan City, PI
 - iii. Tsukuba City, Japan

- iv. Nam-gu, Incheon, South Korea
- 2. Western European Sister City Research/Update

XII. ADJOURNMENT

No further business was discussed and Vice Chair Arefi adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 22, 2010.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting.

M/S: Mateo/Ortega

YES: All

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Clark
Sister Cities Recording Secretary

Holly Cuciz
Sister Cities Liaison