

AGENDA

Sister Cities Commission

Thursday, October 28, 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: September 23,2010

V. Approval of Agenda

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 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. New Business

None

IV. Old Business

1. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN: 15th ANNIVERSARY PHOTO EXCHANGE

Background: Commissioners Arbaugh and Tran lead this sister city relationship.

- Milpitas and Tsukuba signed an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in August 2009 for a five-year term.
- Visits between Milpitas and Tsukuba will not take place in 2010. A photo exchange will celebrate the 15th anniversary in 2011.
- Yoshimi Tsukuda, staff in the International Affairs Division of the Citizens Service Department, is the new contact for Tsukuba.

Recommendation: Receive updates from Lead Commissioners Arbaugh and Tran. Discuss implementation criteria for the photo exchange in October 2011. Form a basic action plan with due dates for involved commissioners.

2. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA: STATUS REPORT

Background: Chair Grilli leads this sister city relationship.

- Milpitas and Huizhou signed an updated MOU in September 2008 for a five-year term.
- Report information about possible student and / adult exchanges.

Recommendation: Receive Chair Grilli's report on student delegation visit October 10 – 16. Discuss possible visit from Huizhou officials in November.

3. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILIPPINES: STATUS REPORT

Background: Commissioner Mateo leads this sister city relationship.

- Milpitas and Dagupan signed an updated MOU in September 2009 for a five-year term.
- Report information about possible student and / or adult exchanges as available.

Recommendation: Discuss new information as available.

4. NAM-GU CITY, INCHEON, SOUTH KOREA: STATUS REPORT

Background: Commissioner Chen leads this friendship city relationship.

- Milpitas and Nam-gu signed an open-ended friendship agreement in July 2009.
- Report information about possible activities as available.

Recommendation: Discuss new information as available.

5. RESEARCH OF WESTERN EUROPEAN CITIES: STATUS REPORT

Background: Commissioners Arbaugh, Arefi and Serpa lead research for possible sister city relationships with the following western European cities:

- Altopascio, Italy: Commissioner Serpa and Vice Mayor McHugh will work together on continued contact with this city and to research opportunities with other Italian cities.
- Karlshamn, Sweden: Chair Grilli reconnected with this city via email. Staff then provided links with directions to access City of Milpitas information the website.
- Aarhus, Denmark: Commissioner Arefi provided contact information and City staff sent an introductory email in April. There is no response to date.

Recommendation: Receive updates as available and take action to remove non-responsive cities from the agenda.

IX. City Council Liaison Report

X. School District Liaison Report

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. Currently, no students have submitted an application to participate. The commission has noted that a student member position is temporary and is mostly needed during student exchanges. None are planned at this time. The Commission concurred that a non-voting student member is most needed in preparation for planned student exchanges and during the student events.

Recommendation: Note receipt and file.

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
 - v. Research of Western European Cities

2. Western European Sister City Research

XII. Adjournment

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