

AGENDA

Sister Cities Commission

June 23, 2011
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: May 26, 2011

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

1. FLAG ORDINANCE

Background: Chair Grilli requested this item be added to the agenda after speaking with Denny Weisgerber, Chair, Veterans Commission and Mike Ogaz, City Attorney. Chair Grilli discussed updating the Flag Ordinance: I-600, Section 2 – City Hall Display Flag Poles and Section 3 – Ceremonial Flag Poles. Purpose is to update the ordinance in order to officially fly country and / or city flags of Milpitas' sister cities. This item was placed on the Veterans Commission's June 1 agenda but was deferred to its August 3, 2011 meeting.

Recommendation: Receive report from Chair Grilli and continue item to next meeting.

2. CANCEL JULY & AUGUST MEETING

Background: In past years, if there is no pending business supporting sister city relationships and visits, the Commission will cancel its July and August meetings.

Recommendation: Cancel the July 28 and August 25 meetings.

IX. Old Business

1. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN: STATUS REPORT

Background: Commissioner Arbaugh leads this sister city relationship.

- Milpitas and Tsukuba signed an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in August 2009 for a five-year term.
- No future visits planned between Milpitas and Tsukuba .
- The 15th anniversary photo exchange has been put on hold until further notice.

Recommendation: Discuss new information as available.

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: Discuss new information as available.

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 Tran is the new lead Commissioner for this friendship city relationship.

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

5. RESEARCH OF WESTERN EUROPEAN CITIES: STATUS REPORTS

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

- City in Province of Florence, 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: Vice Chair Arefi reconnected with this city via email and is working on a response to recent correspondence from Karlshamn.

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

X. City Council Liaison Report

XI. School District Liaison Report

XII. 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

XIII. Adjournment

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