

AGENDA
Sister Cities Commission

February 23, 2012
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: January 26, 2012

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 added to the agenda of a future meeting.

VIII. New Business

1. ELECTIONS

Background: The Sister Cities Commission by-laws require that the Chair and Vice Chair be elected annually at the first meeting of the year. This item was not on the January agenda and was moved to the February meeting.

Recommendation: Conduct elections for the Chair and Vice Chair positions.

VIII. Old Business

1. Sister City Budget & Gifts

Background: At its September 22, 2011 meeting, the Commission asked what types of gifts may be appropriate and kept in stock for visiting officials. Staff will research and present current expenses and available funding for Sister City activities.

Recommendation: Receive staff report and advise staff of next steps.

2. 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 is in progress.

Recommendation: Discuss new information as available.

3. 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 report from Chair Grilli regarding possibility of a Huizhou student / adult delegation visit to Milpitas in October. Receive report from School Board Liaison Alisantosa regarding possibility of a Milpitas student / adult delegation visit to Huizhou.

4. 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: Receive report from Lead Commissioner Roselda Mateo regarding possibility of a Dagupan student / adult delegation visit to Milpitas in October.

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

Background: Commissioner Tran is Lead Commissioner for this friendship city.

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

Recommendation: Receive report from staff regarding possible response from formal letter of inquiry from Mayor Esteves..

6. FIGLINE VALDARINO, ITALY: STATUS REPORT

Background: Commissioner Serpa is Lead Commissioner to this sister city:

- At its December 6, 2011 meeting, the Milpitas City Council formally accepted Figline Valdarno as a Sister City.

- A draft Memorandum of Understanding for review by both cities in in process.

Recommendation: Discuss next steps.

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
 - v. Figline Valdarino, Italy
2. Sister City Budget & Gifts

XII. Adjournment

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