



Agenda ***Sister Cities Commission***

April 26, 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:** March 22, 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 in 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. Town Hall Meeting: Thursday, October 11, 2012**
Background: The Community Advisory Commission will conduct a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, October 11, 2012. All City Commissions are asked to participate with a table top display and consider items that may be contributed for prize drawings.

Recommendation: Consider this request and appoint commissioners who may volunteer to lead this effort.
- IX. Old Business**
 - 1. Fundraising Possibilities**
Background: At the February 23 meeting, the Commission directed staff to obtain legal review of the Commission's ability to raise funds as a non-profit group. Staff reported at the March 22 meeting that, per the City Attorney, the

SCC is an advisory group to the Milpitas City Council and restricted to that purpose. Further research was requested regarding filing of a non-profit corporation, the Milpitas Sister Cities Commission.

Recommendation: Receive staff report.

2. Sister City Expenses

Background: The remaining amount available through June 30 for expenses is approximately \$1,400. This includes decisions made at the last meeting.

Recommendation: Discuss proposed expenses, as needed.

3. Tsukuba City, Japan

Background: Commissioner Arbaugh leads this sister city relationship. Milpitas and Tsukuba signed an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on September 1, 2009 for a five-year term, ending September 1, 2012.

Recommendation: Receive report from Lead Commissioner Arbaugh about possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

4. Dagupan City, Philippines

Background: Commissioner Mateo leads this sister city relationship. Milpitas and Dagupan signed an updated MOU in September 15, 2009 for a five-year term, ending September 15, 2013.

Recommendation: Receive report from Lead Commissioner Mateo regarding an official's visit in May and a Dagupan student delegation visit in October.

5. Huizhou Municipality, China

Background: Chair Grilli leads this sister city relationship. Milpitas and Huizhou signed an updated MOU on September 20, 2008 for a five-year term, ending September 20, 2013.

Recommendation: Receive report from Chair Grilli regarding a visiting delegation of officials in July and a student delegation visit in October. Receive report from School Board Liaison Alisantosa regarding possibility of a Milpitas student / adult delegation visit to Huizhou.

6. Comune de Figline Valdarno, Italy

Background: Vice Chair Serpa leads this sister city relationship. Milpitas and Figline Valdarno will sign the first MOU on May 8, 2012.

Recommendation: Receive report from Vice Chair Serpa regarding planning for the May visit.

X. City Council Liaison Report

XI. School District Liaison Report

XII. Future Agenda Items

1. Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchanges
 - i. Tsukuba, Japan
 - ii. Dagupan, Philippines
 - iii. Huizhou, China
 - iv. Figline Valdarno, Italy
2. Sister City Expenses
3. Fundraising Possibilities

XIII. Adjournment

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