



# ***Agenda***

## ***Sister Cities Commission***

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April 25, 2013  
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 28, 2013**

**V. Approval of Agenda: April 25, 2013**

**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. Mission (Purpose) Statement and Printed Materials**

**Background:** At its March meeting, the commission reviewed a brochure format and approved moving forward. A discussion arose regarding the SCC's mission (purpose) statement as written in the bylaws. At the February meeting, a second priority was given to creating support materials for the Milpitas Sister Cities International Club at Milpitas High School. A flyer was reviewed and printed.

**Recommendation:** Review mission statement and approve changes, as necessary. Move discussion for the MHD club's flyer to the social media item.

**2. Addition of a Sister City in China**

**Background:** At the March meeting, Alternate Commissioner Chang reviewed ideas to seek another sister city relationship in China. The SCC decided to conduct research regarding possible interest of the Economic Development

Commission in facilitating aspects of a sister city relationship with an emphasis on economic development aspects.

**Recommendation:** Receive report from Alternate Commissioner Chang.

**3. City of Taitung, Taiwan**

**Background:** The SCC reviewed this inquiry for a sister city relationship at its March meeting. Alternate Commissioner Chen offered to conduct additional research and maintain contact with the Taiwanese American Chamber of Commerce.

**Recommendation:** Receive Alternate Commissioner Chen's report.

**IX. Old Business**

**1. Use of Social Media for Sister Cities Relationships**

**Background:** At the March meeting, the SCC reviewed steps needed to continue "e-pal" relationships between Milpitas and its sister city students.

**Recommendation:** Receive report from Chair Grilli, Commissioner Arbaugh and Student Liaison Su.

**3. Tsukuba City, Japan**

**Background:** Commissioner Arbaugh leads this sister city relationship. Current developments: Tsukuba staff decided it will continue the e-pen pal relationships with Milpitas High School Students.

Milpitas and Tsukuba signed an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on September 1, 2009 for a five-year term, ending September 1, 2014.

**Recommendation:** Receive report from Lead Commissioner Arbaugh.

**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, 2014.

**Recommendation:** Receive report from Lead Commissioner Mateo.

**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.

**6. Comune de Figline Valdarno, Italy**

**Background:** Vice Chair Serpa leads this sister city relationship.

Milpitas and Figline Valdarno signed their first MOU on May 8, 2012 for a two-year term.

**Recommendation:** Receive report from Vice Chair Serpa.

**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 Visit and Promotional Expenses and / or Printed Materials
3. Sister Cities International 2014 Conference
4. Fundraising for Student Visits to Sister Cities
5. Use of Social Media for Sister Cities Relationships
6. Addition of a Sister City in China
7. City of Taitung, Taiwan

**XIII. Adjournment**

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