



Agenda ***Sister Cities Commission***

August 28, 2014
Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
6:00 PM

- I. Roll Call**
- II. Seating of Alternates**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of Minutes: June 26, 2014**
- V. Approval of Agenda: August 28, 2014**
- 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 – None**
- IX. Old Business**
 - 3. 2014 Sister Cities International Conference – Wrap-up**

Background: Vice Chair Serpa, Economic Development Commission Chair Howard, Council Liaison Montano and Staff Liaison Stobbe attended this three-day conference. Past Student Liaison Brenda Su attended the Youth Leadership Summit. Her report is included in the agenda packet.

Recommendation: Receive reports from attendees.
 - 5. Student E-Pal Project: Sister Cities & Milpitas High School Digital Business Academy**

Background: Staff is in contact with the three sister cities. Tsukuba staff revised its interest to include 12 students; Huizhou will provide a list of up to 30 students

in mid September; Dagupan is still reviewing its participation with 28 students. Staff is also reaching out to the teacher to setup deadlines and method to transfer student email information.

Recommendation: Receive update from staff.

6. Home-stays for Dagupan Students, October 4 – 12, 2014

Background: At the June 26 meeting, the SCC moved to cancel the 2014 student visits due to a lack of home stay families (only three applied). The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the City of Dagupan expires September 15, 2014. A signing ceremony was originally planned to occur on October 7, during the home stay and school attendance for visiting students. Since this is a renewal year for this sister city relationship, and enough host families were gathered to house 10 Dagupan students, it is requested that the SCC approve this student visit.

Recommendation: Given special circumstances, approve a home stay visit of October 4 – 12, including school attendance from October 6 – 10.

7. Tsukuba City, Japan

Background: On June 12, staff emailed the Tsukuba director and staff contact to enquire on the process to extend this relationship. The response was that the MOU went to the Mayor's office for review and has not yet been released. There is no update at this time and staff will again request an update of Tsukuba staff.

Commissioner Arbaugh is the lead commissioner for Tsukuba.

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 staff report.

8. Dagupan City, Philippines

Background: Staff received an update from Dagupan stating the proposed MOU was reviewed and approved by Mayor Fernandez. The process will take an unknown amount of time as the MOU needs to be heard by the Dagupan City Council at three meetings.

Commissioner Mateo is the lead commissioner for Dagupan.

Milpitas and Dagupan signed an updated MOU in September 15, 2009 for a five-year term, ending September 15, 2014.

Recommendation: Note receipt and file.

9. Huizhou Municipality, China

Background: Huizhou staff graciously acknowledged Milpitas past efforts when informed that the student visit in October had been canceled. Interest remains with exploring economic development activities. Huizhou staff is researching when a visit of officials may occur.

Chair Grilli leads this sister city relationship.

Milpitas and Huizhou signed an updated MOU on October 15, 2013 for a five-year term, ending October 15, 2018.

Recommendation: Receive report from Chair Grilli and staff.

X. City Council Liaison Report

XI. School District Liaison Report

XII. Future Agenda Items

- a. Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchanges
 - i. Tsukuba, Japan
 - ii. Dagupan, Philippines
 - iii. Huizhou, China
- b. Figline-Incisa, Italy
- c. Seongnam City, South Korea
- d. Fundraising Workshop in October
- e. Review of Future Student Visits

XIII. Adjournment

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