

CITY OF MILPITAS  
SISTER CITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION (SCC)  
COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM, MILPITAS CITY HALL

MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2016

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call** Chair Grilli called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Commissioners present: Awasthi, Chen, Chang, Grilli Commissioners absent: Arefi, Manogaran, Llamas.
- Council Liaison Marsha Grilli: Absent  
MHS Student Liaison Dinh: Present  
MUSD Liaison Gunawan Alisantosa: Absent  
Staff Liaison Leslie Stobbe: Present
- II. Alternates Seating of** There are currently no alternatives appointed to the SCC.
- III. Allegiance Pledge of** Chair Grilli lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Minutes** MOTION to approve the minutes of August 25, 2016.  
M / S: Chen / Awasthi Ayes: All
- V. Agenda** MOTION to approve the agenda of September 29, 2016.  
M / S: Chen / Awasthi Ayes: All
- VI. Announcements:** 1) Staff announced that the SCC's info table at the Town Hall Meeting on Sept. 28 was well received and thanked Commissioners Arefi, Awasthi and Grilli for staffing the table. 2) Charlene Lai representing the Milpitas Chamber of Commerce announced planning for the 2017 festival and requested involvement from the SCC regarding sister city displays and other possible cultural exhibitions. 3) It was announced that the Library Commission supports book sales at the Milpitas Public Library. There are 150 boxes of leftover books; would it be possible to ship these to sister cities?
- VII. Public Forum:** None.

## **VIII. Old Business**

### **1. FY2016-2017 Work Plan & September 6, 2017 Council Presentation**

Chair Grilli reported that the presentation went well and thanked commissioners for attending. Staff noted that the approved plan will guide setting items for the agenda.

### **2. Possible Sister City Relationship with a Latin American City**

This item was tabled to the October 27 meeting.

### **3. Discuss Ideas and Methods to Promote the Sister Cities Program**

Chair Grilli noted the Union City multi-cultural event has especially strong support from the city council to reach out to groups to participate in this event. It is this level of involvement that can be utilized to obtain a response from the Milpitas community. Chair Grilli also noted the Farmers Market at the Great Mall as a possible venue for fundraising through food sales supported by students serving their community hours.

### **4. City Plaza Signs**

The SCC discussed possible locations and, by consensus, decided to recommend the landscaped area between the city hall doors and Veterans Plaza.

### **5. e-Pal Project with Sister Cities**

No new information at this time; both the staff liaison and Digital Business Academy teacher are gearing up to match students in September.

### **6. Tsukuba City, Japan**

Mr. Mineo Kageya, from the Japanese Institute, is willing to visit Milpitas to provide lessons in the Karuta Japanese card game. Staff noted the event is set for Saturday, November 5, 2017 from 10AM to 1PM for a community event and with Andrea Hutchinson's Junior DBA class on Friday, November 4 at the Milpitas High School library. Most details are in flux; staff will have a full report at the October 27 meeting.

### **7. Dagupan City, Philippines**

Staff reviewed the draft itinerary and highlighted planned excursions.

### **8. Huizhou Municipality, China**

Huizhou representatives reported that because of the cost of flights, a citizens committee will not be able to visit Milpitas anytime soon. Staff has inquired if an official visit will be made to Milpitas this year.

### **9. Seongnam City – South Korea, Friendship City**

No new information was discussed.

## **X. Student Liaison Report – None**

## **XI. City Council Liaison Report – None**

**XII. School District Liaison Report – None**

**XIII. Future Agenda Items**

1. Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchanges
  - i. Tsukuba, Japan
  - ii. Dagupan, Philippines
  - iii. Huizhou, China
2. Bhopal, India

**XII. Adjournment**

No further business was discussed. Chair Grilli requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. until the regularly meeting of October 27, 2016.

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting of September 29, 2016 to the regular meeting of October 27, 2016.

M / S: Nolan / Awasthi

Ayes: All

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Stobbe  
Staff Liaison