

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS
SISTER CITIES COMMISSION**

Minutes: Meeting of Sister Cities Commission (SCC)
Date of Meeting: Thursday, March 27, 2008
Place of Meeting: Milpitas City Hall, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Committee Meeting Rm.

I. Roll Chair Grilli called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Commissioners/Alternates Present: Arefi, Arthur, Chen, Dugdale, Grilli, Mateo, McCarter & Ortega
Commissioners/Alternates absent: Wan
City Council Liaison present: Vice Mayor Livengood
MUSD Liaison absent: M. Grilli
Staff present: Cuciz, Maxwell

II. Alternates Alternate Commissioner Chen was seated.

III. Pledge Chair Grilli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Minutes Chair Grilli noted a change to the minutes that the cost listed for Huizhou prices for students and adults was reversed. Staff will update the minutes.
MOTION to approve the Minutes of February 28 2008.

M/S: Dugdale/Arthur Ayes: All

V. Agenda **MOTION** to approve the March 27, 2008 agenda.

M/S: Dugdale/Mateo Ayes: All

VI. Announcements/Correspondence

Staff noted that over 18 Police Chiefs and several officials from Huizhou would be visiting for 10 days between May and July.

VII. Citizen's Forum None attending.

VIII. Old Business

1. TAIWAN No report – continued until next meeting.

2. HUIZHOU Staff asked about gifts for visitors from Huizhou and will research the budget, as well as checking with the Milpitas Police Chief. Chair Grilli noted that in addition to the visit by Huizhou Police Chiefs, there has been discussion about a student exchange sometime around mid June through the beginning of July. Currently the airfare on United is about \$1,325 roundtrip from San Francisco to Hong Kong. This price was based on

several students and one adult attending. Staff suggested discussing the Huizhou MOU at the next meeting as it expires in November 2008.

3. DAGUPAN Commissioner Mateo noted that she attempted to email Dagupan and did not hear anything back. She will contact another representative from Dagupan to attempt to get a response.

4. TSUKUBA Vice Chair Arthur noted that as of today there are four female students and one adult planning to visit Tsukuba. She noted that Tsukuba reduced the number of students allowed to visit from eight to five. She had questions regarding this change as the MOU states the maximum number of students is eight. Staff suggested discussing the Tsukuba MOU at the next meeting as it expires in December 2008.

5. EUROPEAN Commissioner Arefi reported that one way he has tried to locate a European sister city is by contacting a number of consulates via telephone which has been difficult. He has found some contacts though websites and believes that sending an email from the City of Milpitas will be more effective. He did find a contact for a city in Italy and the United Kingdom. Staff will send an email to contacts provided by Arefi. Grilli noted that he has a contact that may be able to find a sister city in the Netherlands. His contact will be in the area in April and Grilli asked if staff could prepare a letter of interest from Milpitas. Grilli stated that he would set up a meeting with the contact person and Arefi.

6. PARTICIPATION Grilli asked if there was further contact with the Youth Commission. Commissioner Dugdale stated that she would contact them before the next meeting. This item will be continued to the next meeting.

IX. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

No report.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Sister City Relationships/Cultural Exchanges:
 - a. Tsukuba City, Japan
 - b. Dagupan City, Philippines
 - c. Huizhou City, China
2. European Sister City Research
3. Student Participation Ideas
4. Taiwan Sister City Research

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn to the April 24, 2008 meeting.

M/S: Dugdale/Ortega Ayes: All

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Cuciz
Recording Secretary

Cindy Maxwell
Principal Administrative Analyst