

AGENDA

Sister Cities Commission

Thursday, May 22, 2008
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: April 24, 2008**
- V. Approval of Agenda**
- VI. Announcements/Correspondence**
- 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 placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

VIII. New Business

1. "TRIP CHAPERONE" COMMISSION LIAISON: CONSIDERATION OF ADDING A NEW VOTING MEMBER TO COMMISSION

Background: At the April Commission meeting, the Chair directed this item be placed on the agenda so the Commission could discuss the need for a new voting member on the Commission. Conceptually, the new member would represent adult chaperones for student sister city trips. Changes to the composition of the Sister City Commission would require City Council approval of an amendment to the Commission Bylaws.

Recommendation: Discuss concept and provide direction to staff.

IX. Old Business

2. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA: STATUS REPORT ON SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP

Background: A trip to Huizhou is being researched.

The term of the Memorandum of Understanding between Milpitas and Huizhou runs through November 2008. A draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to extend the current agreement by five years is included as an attachment to the mailed agenda packet.

Lead Commissioners: Chair Grilli and Commissioner Dugdale.

Recommendation: Receive verbal report from Lead Commissioners Grilli and Dugdale. Recommend approval of the proposed draft MOU to the City Council.

3. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILLIPINES: STATUS REPORT ON SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP

Background: No visits between Dagupan and Milpitas are currently scheduled. The term of the Memorandum of Understanding between Milpitas and Dagupan runs through June 2009. Lead Commissioners: Mateo and Dugdale.

Recommendation: Receive verbal report from Lead Commissioners Mateo and Dugdale.

4. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN: STATUS REPORT ON SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP

Background: A visit to Tsukuba is planned for June 2008.

The term of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Milpitas and Tsukuba runs through December 2008. A draft MOU, to extend the current agreement by five years, is included as an attachment to the mailed agenda packet.

The Lead Commissioner position for Tsukuba is vacant, as Commissioner Arthur has been reappointed to another City Commission.

Recommendation: Appoint a new Lead Commissioner for Tsukuba. Recommend approval of the proposed draft MOU to the City Council.

5. WESTERN EUROPEAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH STATUS REPORT

Background: Commissioner Arefi is continuing research on the potential for a western European sister city. Lead Commissioner: Arefi

Recommendation: Receive update from Lead Commissioner Arefi.

6. TAIWAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH

Background: At the September 2007 meeting, it was the consensus of the Commission to investigate the potential for a sister city relationship with a city in Taiwan. Commissioner Wan volunteered to investigate the possibility.

Recommendation: Receive verbal report from Commissioner Wan.

X. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

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XI. SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON REPORT

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Sister City Relationships/Cultural Exchanges:
 - i. Huizhou City, China – Expiration of agreement
 - ii. Dagupan City, Philippines
 - iii. Tsukuba City, Japan – Expiration of agreement
2. Western European Sister City Research

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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