

# ***AGENDA***

## ***Sister Cities Commission***

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Thursday, June 26, 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: May 22, 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**

### **IX. Old Business**

#### **1. NEW COMMISSION LIAISON: CONSIDERATION OF ADDING A NON-VOTING MEMBER TO COMMISSION**

**Background:** This item was continued at the May 2008 Commission meeting so Chair Grilli could be present for the discussion on a proposal to create a new non-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 require City Council approval of a Bylaws amendment. The Bylaws are attached to the agenda for reference.

**Recommendation:** Discuss concept and provide direction to staff.

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

**Background:**  
Lead Commissioners: Chair Grilli and Commissioner Dugdale.

- A 21-member public safety delegation from Huizhou will visit Milpitas on July 1. Commissioners Arefi and Chen will escort the delegation on their tours of public facilities. Milpitas is arranging translation services and the Mayor will meet with the delegation at the end of the tour.
- A student trip to Huizhou is being researched.
- At the time of agenda preparation, no comments from Huizhou, regarding the draft time extension of the Memorandum of Understanding, had been received. The current MOU between Milpitas and Huizhou runs through November 2008.

**Recommendation:** Receive verbal report from Lead Commissioners Grilli and Dugdale.

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

**Background:**

Lead Commissioners: Mateo and Dugdale.

- No visits between Dagupan and Milpitas are currently scheduled.
- The term of the Memorandum of Understanding between Milpitas and Dagupan runs through June 2009.
- Information on Dagupan's sister city contacts, under the new administration, is pending.

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

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

**Background:**

Lead Commissioners: Dugdale and Arbaugh.

- By the Commission meeting, four students, one adult, and former Sister City Commissioner Arthur will have just concluded a visit to Tsukuba (June 17 to 24).
- Three students and one adult from Tsukuba will visit Milpitas from July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 9<sup>th</sup>.
- The term of the Memorandum of Understanding between Milpitas and Tsukuba runs through December 2008. During her recent visit, former Commissioner Arthur discussed Tsukuba's desires, regarding extending the MOU. A verbal report on those discussions will be made at the meeting.

**Recommendation:** Receive status report from Lead Commissioner Dugdale.

### 5. WESTERN EUROPEAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH STATUS REPORT

**Background:**

Lead Commissioner: Arefi

- Commissioner Arefi is continuing research on the potential for a western European sister city.
- An informational package about Milpitas was sent to Delf, the Netherlands.
- An inquiry from Cooks Town in Northern Ireland was received.

**Recommendation:** Receive update from Lead Commissioner Arefi.

### 6. TAIWAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH

**Background:** At the September 2007 meeting, the Commission agreed 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**

## **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
3. Taiwan Sister City Research

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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