

**CITY OF MILPITAS
SISTER CITIES COMMISSION MINUTES**

MINUTES: Meeting of Sister Cities Commission (SCC)
DATE OF MEETING: Thursday, September 25, 2008
PLACE OF MEETING: Milpitas City Hall, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Committee Meeting Room

I. ROLL Chair Grilli called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m.
Commissioners/Alternates Present: Arbaugh, Chen, Ortega, Grilli, Dugdale, Arefi, Mateo, Tran, and McCarter
Commissioners Absent: None
City Council Liaison Absent: Vice Mayor Livengood
MUSD Liaison Absent: M. Grilli
Staff Present: Maxwell, Harris

II. ALTERNATES Alternate Commissioners Arbaugh and Marsha Bin Tran were seated.

III. PLEDGE Chair Grilli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. MINUTES **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of August 28, 2008.
M/S: Chen/Mateo AYES: All
Abstain: Dugdale

V. AGENDA **MOTION** to approve the September 25, 2008 agenda.
M/S: Dugdale/McCarter AYES: All

VI. ANNOUNCEMENT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Request for Sister City (S.C.) relationship from Province of Nueva Vizcaya, Municipality of Bayombong, Philippines, received for consideration. Nueva Vizcaya sent a resolution to undertake initiatory move to form S.C. relationship with Milpitas. Cindy Maxwell sent a package of information with forms and criteria per webpage in response to Nueva Vizcaya's initial request.

The Northern California Sister Cities Conference is to be held in Sonoma on Oct. 17th –18th. Representatives from all N. California Sister Cities Commissions are invited to attend, \$45 per person, advanced registration required. The paperwork was given to Cindy Maxwell, Cindy to email information to commissioners on 9/26/08.

VII. PUBLIC FORUM: No public present at the meeting.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1.) HUIZHOU

Chair Grilli sent an email to Catherine about a delegation exchange; he has not received a response.

2.) DAGUPAN

Delegations planned visit travel dates are 11/23-11/28/08, with attendance at the City Council meeting 11/18. Staff understood dates to be 11/13/08 -11/28/08. Commissioner Mateo to clarify dates with Farah Decano.

3.) TSUKUBA

Commissioner Dugdale sent a counter proposal to Tsukuba, via email, regarding visits every other year, rather than every five years as proposed by Tsukuba. Chair Grilli stated if Tsukuba is set on every five years, let's not prohibit an exchange, but rather to walk away from a "formal" exchange. Chair Grilli feels emeritus status is an extreme position, and let's not jump to that position too quickly. MOU expires 12/2008. Commissioner Dugdale states since there are no active visits planned, it is okay if the MOU expires. Commissioner Dugdale does not expect a response from Tsukuba until next calendar year.

4.) WESTERN EUROPEAN

No new information from Cookstown, Ireland. Commissioner Arefi is in the process of finding the address of the person to whom to forward information to in Germany. Commissioner Arbaugh has had no response from H"ochheim, Germany. Commissioner Arbaugh will send an informal email to the Mayor of H"ochheim to see if there is interest in S.C. relationship. Chair Grilli gave authorization to send an informal email to Mayor of H"ochheim representing the commission. Formal paperwork to follow if H"ochheim Mayor expresses interest.

IX. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

No report.

X. SCHOOL BOARD REPORT LIAISON REPORT

No report.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchange
 - i. Huizhou City, China – Expiration of Agreement
 - ii. Dagupan City, PI
 - iii. Tsukuba City, Japan – Expiration of Agreement
2. Western European Sister City Research / Update
3. Nueva Vizcaya Update

XII. ADJOURNMENT

No further business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM until the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 23, 2008.

MOTION to adjourn.

M/S: Dugdale/Mateo

AYES: All

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni Harris
Sister Cities Recording Secretary