

**CITY OF MILPITAS
SISTER CITIES COMMISSION MINUTES**

MINUTES: Meeting of Sister Cities Commission (SCC)
DATE OF MEETING: Thursday, January 28, 2010
PLACE OF MEETING: Milpitas City Hall, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Committee Meeting Room

I. ROLL **Vice Chair** Arbaugh called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.
Commissioners / Alternates Present: Arbaugh, Arefi, Chen, Hardin, Serpa, Ortega, Mateo & Tran.
Commissioners Absent: Grilli
City Council Liaison Present: Vice Mayor McHugh
MUSD Liaison Absent: Alisantosa
Staff Present: Cuciz, Clark

II. ALTERNATES Alternate Commissioner Serpa was seated.

III. PLEDGE Commissioner Arbaugh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. MINUTES **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of October 22, 2009
M/S: Arefi/Chen AYES: All

V. AGENDA **MOTION** to approve the January 28, 2010 agenda.
M/S: Chen/Mateo AYES: All

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: Vice Chair Arbaugh announced that he will serve on both the newly established Milpitas Veterans Commission and the Sister Cities Commission.

VII. PUBLIC FORUM: None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **ELECTIONS:** Chair Grilli was nominated by Commissioner Arefi to stand as Chair of the commission.

MOTION to elect Grilli as Chair of the Commission.

M/S: Arefi/Serpa **AYES: All**

Commissioner Arefi was nominated by Commissioner Serpa to serve as Vice Chair.

MOTION to elect Commissioner Arefi as Vice Chair of the Commission.

M/S: Serpa / Arbaugh

AYES: All

IX. OLD BUSINESS

2. NON-VOTING STUDENT MEMBER

Staff liaison Cuciz will follow up with Jenny Shen about continued interest in participating on the Commission.

3. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA

Nothing new to report, no future visits are planned.

4. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILIPPINES

Commissioner Mateo, along with a Council member from Dagupan (Michael Fernandez) visited Allied Waste. They were given a tour by the general manager and met with other staff as well. Dagupan also sent an email inviting everyone to their Bangus festival usually held in April. They will follow up with specific dates.

5. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN

Staff Liaison Cuciz has not yet heard back from Tsukuba regarding an invitation that was extended to them to visit Milpitas during the Japanese-American Summit in San Francisco in August 2010.

6. NAM-GU, INCHEON, SOUTH KOREA

Commissioner Chen has not received any new communications from Nam-gu and there are currently no visits planned.

7. WESTERN EUROPEAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH STATUS REPORT

Empoli, Italy:

Commissioner Serpa noted that it has been expressed to her that economics are a major factor in the lack of interest in a sister city relationship at this time. Serpa spoke with Pina, an Executive Secretary for the Florence Provincial Government. She noted that Pina would present documentation from our city to express our interest in a relationship with other cities in the region. A possible city that would be comparable to Milpitas is Altopascio, which is in the Tuscany area. Serpa will continue reaching out to her European contacts.

Derby, England:

Vice Chair Arbaugh noted that there has still been no further contact from officials of Derby and he will continue to further explore the possibility of a sister city relationship. Arbaugh stated that he will have visitors from Hamburg, Germany this year and will discuss a possible sister city relationship in their area.

There are no other updates from other Western European contacts.

X. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Vice Mayor McHugh thanked everyone on the Commission for their continued service to the City of Milpitas Sister Cities Commission. He also stated that the upcoming Commissioners brunch would be held at Dave & Busters, on Saturday April 10, 2010, from 9am to 1pm, and hoped that all commissioners would be able to attend.

Vice Mayor McHugh noted the following:

- 1). The new Medical Center in Milpitas is expected to open in March 2010.
- 2) The new Milpitas Senior Center is scheduled to open sometime in August 2010 and the project is expected to be completed under budget.
- 3.) The Milpitas Honda dealership has opened up for business.
- 4.) The newly opened IHOP has been doing very well.
- 5.) The Planning Commission will vote on a proposal for an expansion of the Milpitas Wal-Mart store.
- 6.) At the next City Council meeting there will be a proposed resolution for an \$84.00 parcel tax to help support programs at Milpitas schools for the next five years.

XI. SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON REPORT

None

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Sister City & Friendship Relationships/Cultural Exchanges
 - i. Huizhou City, China
 - ii. Dagupan City, PI
 - iii. Tsukuba City, Japan
 - iv. Nam-gu, Incheon, South Korea
- 2. Western European Sister City Research /Update

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

No further business was discussed and Vice Chair Arbaugh adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on February 25, 2010.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting.

M/S: Mateo/Arbaugh

AYES: All

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Clark
Sister Cities Recording Secretary

Holly Cuciz
Sister Cities Liaison