

**CITY OF MILPITAS
SISTER CITIES COMMISSION MINUTES**

MINUTES: Meeting of the Sister Cities Commission (SCC)
DATE OF MEETING: January 27, 2011
PLACE OF MEETING: Milpitas City Hall, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Committee Meeting room.

I. ROLL Chair Grilli called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
Commissioners/Alternates Present: Arbaugh, Arefi, Grilli, Hardin, Serpa, Tran, Ortega, and Quejado
Commissioners Absent: Mateo & Galvan
City Council Liaison Present: Vice Mayor McHugh
MUSD Liaison Absent: Alisantosa
Staff Present: Cuciz, Clark

II. ALTERNATES No Alternate Commissioners was seated.

III. PLEDGE Chair Grilli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. MINUTES **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of January 27, 2011
M/S: Serpa/Arefi AYES: All

V. AGENDA **MOTION** to approve the Agenda for April 28, 2011.
M/S: Serpa/Arbaugh AYES: All

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Staff Liaison Cuciz announced that the upcoming Commissioners' Recognition Brunch will be held at Dave & Busters on Saturday April 9, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners should receive an invitation soon. In addition, a delegation from Geoje City, South Korea is visiting Milpitas City Hall Wednesday, February 9 and all commissioners are invited to join them. Chair Grilli and Staff Liaison Cuciz are meeting the group at 3:30 p.m. to talk about the sister city process, followed by a brief tour of City Hall and a slide show.

VII. PUBLIC FORUM: Professor Solomon Park from San Francisco informed the commission that Geoje City, South Korea is interested in becoming a sister city with Milpitas. He spoke about Geoje and distributed handouts. He also noted that a delegation from Geoji would be visiting Milpitas on February 9. Mr. Kyung Sung, a resident of Milpitas, also in attendance, is here to support a sister city relationship with Geoji. Staff Liaison Cuciz will inform Dr. Park of the steps that are necessary to apply to become a sister city.

Mayor Jose Esteves attended the meeting. He thanked the commissioners for their service on the commission. He stated that he would like to see continued exploration of new sister city relationships.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

ELECTIONS

Chair Grilli was nominated by Commissioner Arbaugh to stand as Chair of the commission.

MOTION to elect Grilli as Chair of the Commission.

M/S: Arbaugh/Arefi

AYES: All

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

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

M/S: Grilli /Tran

AYES: All

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN

Commissioner Hardin spoke about her recent visit to Tsukuba, which was a very positive experience. During the visit, she met informally with city representatives, however they discussed very little about the anniversary photo exchange during her short visit.

Commissioner Arbaugh will contact Tsukuba representatives to discuss timelines and implementation of categories for the photo exchange, tentatively scheduled for October 2011.

Commissioners discussed a possible digital photo exchange to speed up the process and save money.

2. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA

Chair Grilli announced that that there has been no discussion about future student or delegation exchanges. Hosting of the delegation of officials that visited December 7, 2010 was a success.

3. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILIPPINES

No report.

4. NAM-GU, INCHEON, SOUTH KOREA

Commissioner Chen resigned from the SCC. A new commissioner is needed to lead communications with this Friendship City.

5. WESTERN EUROPEAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH STATUS REPORT

Province of Florence, Italy:

Commissioner Serpa spoke with President Andre Varducci regarding assistance with the continued future search for a sister city in the province of Florence Italy.

Karlshamn, Sweden:

Vice Chair Arefi is continuing contact with a Karlshamn representative via email. Arefi will follow up to respond to a recent letter sent by Karlshamn that requested more details about Milpitas' interest in becoming a sister city.

X. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Vice Mayor McHugh provided these updates:

- Planning commission unanimously approved a Mosque to be built on Montague Expressway this is an extension of a Mosque on Dempsey Rd.
- On Saturday January 29 at 9: 30 a.m., there will be a presentation at the Barbara Lee Senior Center regarding the San Jose / Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant and the Hetch-Hetchy water delivery system, proposed at \$2B and \$4.6B respectively. Milpitas' will have to pay a proportional share for needed upgrades and seismic retrofits.
- The Citizens Budget Task Force will make a presentation to the City Council on February 8 with ideas to address the budget problems in Milpitas.
- PG&E gave a report on their pipelines. Staff will be working with PG&E for updated maintenance information on local pipelines.
- Publicized the number for odor control and will be sending out post cards to everyone in the city to call in and report odors.

XI. SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON REPORT

MUSD Liaison Alisantosa was not in attendance.

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
 - v. Geoji City, South Korea
2. Western European Sister City Research / Update

XII. ADJOURNMENT

No further business was discussed and Chair Grilli adjourned the meeting at 8:32 pm, with the next meeting to be held February 24, 2011.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting.

M/S: Serpa/Arbaugh

AYES: All

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Clark
Sister Cities Recording Secretary

Leslie Stobbe
Acting Sister Cities Liaison