

**CITY OF MILPITAS  
SISTER CITIES COMMISSION  
INFORMAL SPECIAL MEETING NOTES**

**NOTES:** Special meeting of the Sister Cities Commission (SCC)  
**DATE OF MEETING:** Wednesday March 16, 2011  
**PLACE OF MEETING:** Milpitas City Hall, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Committee Meeting room.

**I. ROLL** Chair Grilli called the informal special meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.  
**Commissioners / Alternates Present:** Arbaugh, Arefi, Grilli, Hardin, Serpa, Tran, Ortega, Mateo and Quejado  
**Commissioners Absent:** Galvan.  
**City Council Liaison Present:** Vice Mayor McHugh  
**MUSD Liaison Present:** Alisantosa  
**Staff Present:** Clark

**II. ALTERNATES** No Alternate Commissioners were seated.

**III. PLEDGE** Chair Grilli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. MINUTES** No action taken.

**V. AGENDA** No action taken.

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

Staff Clark announced a reminder to attend the commissioners' brunch on April 9, 2011 at 9 a.m. to be held at Dave & Busters in the Great Mall.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. GEOJE CITY, SOUTH KOREA**

Grilli met with the group of government officials of Geoje City South Korea. They gave a short presentation about Geoje City. The group was very focused on sending students of all ages to study English in our City over a long period of time, Chair Grilli informed the group that the high school could probably not accommodate them because it may disrupt class.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN**

Commissioner Arbaugh sent an email shortly after the Japan earthquake to Yoshimi Tsukada to inquire about the well being of Tsukuba City. Recent emails from Milpitas to Tsukuba about the

anniversary photo exchange were unanswered. Commissioners should collectively put together a fund raising campaign with the help of *The Milpitas Post*, City website and with translation assistance from Echo Author. Vice Mayor McHugh reported that the City Council had directed the City Manager to provide information for Milpitas residents to assist Japan for the Disaster relief. Consensus was that the commission would draft a formal letter of condolences on the behalf of Commission, City of Milpitas Council and residents, signed by Mayor Esteves.

## **2. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA**

Chair Grilli announced that a student exchange may take place this fall.

## **3. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILIPPINES**

Commissioner Mateo was able to contact a new representative for this city by email on March 8, 2011 with the help of Mayor Esteves.

## **4. NAM-GU, INCHEON, SOUTH KOREA**

Commissioner Tran agreed to be the representative for this sister city with Chair Grili's approval. Commissioner Tran will initiate contact with a Nam-Gu representative to receive current information.

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

### Province of Florence, Italy:

Commissioner Serpa reported that her contact is currently visiting Florence and will be contacting the head of the sister city administration about interest in a relationship with Milpitas.

### Salzburg Austria

Commissioner Arbaugh discussed researching more information about this City.

## **IX. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**

Vice Mayor McHugh provided these updates:

- The City is facing a \$12M shortfall. The budget workshop is working on different ways to save money for the City. Actual decisions will be made at public hearings.
- There is some concern about the planning commission approving 83 new homes on the site where Cal Skate is currently located.
- The Council approved on a three to two vote a recommendation that authorized exceptions for two individuals who serve on two separate commissions at the same time to serve out their terms.

## **X. SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON REPORT**

Danny Lau was appointed as the newest school board member. Superintendent Karl Black announced his retirement. There was an incident at Milpitas High School that ended with a suspect in custody after a police chase.

## **XI. 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

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

No further business was discussed and Chair Grilli adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm, with the next regular scheduled meeting to be held April 28, 2011

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Clark

Sister Cities Recording Secretary