

**CITY OF MILPITAS
SISTER CITIES COMMISSION UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

MINUTES: Meeting of the Sister Cities Commission (SCC)
DATE OF MEETING: June 23, 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, Galvan, Grilli, Hardin, Serpa, Tran and Mateo.
Commissioners Absent: Arefi, Quejado and Ortega.
City Council Liaison Absent: Vice Mayor McHugh
MUSD Liaison Absent: Alisantosa
Staff Present: Clark

II. ALTERNATES Alternate commissioner Galvan was seated.

III. PLEDGE Chair Grilli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. MINUTES **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of May 26, 2011.
M/S: Serpa/Mateo AYES: All

V. AGENDA **MOTION** to approve the Agenda for June 23 2011.
M/S: Serpa/Arbaugh AYES: All

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
None

VII. PUBLIC FORUM
None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Flag Ordinance

The Commission discussed its desire that the City Council modify the ordinance to allow flying of a foreign country and city flags in the Veterans Plaza during a delegation visit of an official Sister City.

MOTION To recommend corresponding action of the Veterans Commission and to forward requests to the City Attorney to update the current flag ordinance.

M/S: Mateo/Serpa AYES: All

2. Meeting Cancellations

MOTION To cancel the July 28 and August 25, 2011 Commission meetings.

M/S: Serpa/Arbaugh

AYES: All

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN

Commissioner Arbaugh has heard nothing new from Tsukuba.

2. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA

Chair Grilli received communication from Huizhou that a delegation of students and teachers will visit Milpitas during Milpitas during the first week of October 2011, Milpitas High School's spirit week. Chair Grilli will coordinate the visit with the vice principal. Mr. Alisantosa has a group of ten people who would like to visit Huizhou. It wasn't clear if this visit would include students, the group is still looking for more people to keep travel costs down.

3. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILIPPINES

Commissioner Mateo sent an email to keep in contact with Dagupan and there are no current visits planned. She also spoke with representatives about maintaining contact and keeping the relationship ongoing even though there are no visits planned in the near future.

4. NAM-GU, INCHEON, SOUTH KOREA

Commissioner Tran has had no responses from Nam-Gu representatives.

5. WESTERN EUROPEAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH STATUS REPORT

Province of Florence, Italy:

Commissioner Serpa shared that on May 19, 2011, Glen Mitchell, Public Affairs Director of Santa Clara County, wrote a general letter to mayors in Santa Clara County. It stated that the Mayor of the Province of Florence asks if cities in our county are interested in establishing a sister city relationship with a city in the Province of Florence and to respond accordingly. It is not known if Milpitas received this letter.

Karlshamn, Sweden: No report.

X. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

None

XI. SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON REPORT

None

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Sister City & Friendship Relationships / Cultural Exchanges

i. Huizhou City, China

- ii. Dagupan City, Philippines
 - iii. Tsukuba City, Japan
 - iv. Nam-gu, Incheon, South Korea
2. Western European Sister City Research / Update
 3. Flag Ordinance

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Grilli adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m to the next scheduled Commission meeting on September 22, 2011.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting.

M/S: Arbaugh/Tran

AYES: All

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sister Cities Recording Secretary

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Sister Cities Staff Liaison