

CITY OF MILPITAS
SISTER CITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION
MILPITAS CITY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
APRIL 26, 2012

I. Call to Order and Roll Call Chair Grilli called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were: Commissioners Arbaugh, Grilli, Serpa. Absent were: Commissioners Arefi, Mateo, Ortega, Tran. Alternate Commissioners present: Galvan and Hardin.

Council Liaison McHugh Present
MUSD Liaison Gunawan Alisantosa Absent
Staff Liaison Stobbe and Recording Secretary Clark Present

II. Alternates Seating of Alternate Commissioners Galvan and Hardin were seated.

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

IV. Minutes Approval of MOTION to approve the minutes of March 22, 2012.
M / S: Serpa / Arbaugh Ayes: All

V. Agenda Approval of MOTION to approve the agenda of April 26, 2012.
M / S: Serpa / Galvan Ayes: All

VI. Announcements None

VII. Public Forum None

VIII. New Business

1. Town Hall Meeting: Thursday, October 11, 2012

Staff reported that the Community Advisory Commission will conduct a Town Hall Meeting on this date in the Community Center Auditorium. The theme is safety preparedness. All city commissions are invited to participate with an information table and displays that feature commission activities. Discussion followed regarding the lead time and need for lead commissioners to be involved to represent their respective sister cities. This item will stay on the agenda for planning purposes.

IX. Old Business

1. Fundraising Possibilities

Staff provided an overview of research to date. Chair Grilli noted that he will research the steps to reinstate the Milpitas Sister Cities Association (MSCA). City Attorney Mike Ogaz reported that the articles were filed with the State. It is unknown

if the by-laws were filed. Discussion followed regarding possible board members for the MSCA and need to re-file with the State and IRS. City Attorney Ogaz described how a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization, such as the Parks and Recreation Foundation, and using City fiscal services, such as the Senior Commission, would operate. He noted that the administration's recommendation is to use the non-profit to manage fundraising monies separately from City funds. Chair Grilli noted that the next step is to contact the State Department regarding restarting the MSCA. He stated that Karen Serpa and Marsha Grilli are interested in serving on the board. City Attorney Ogaz asked if there were any questions. After he left, Commissioner Serpa expressed concern about liability issues and finding people dedicated to serve on the board. Discussion followed regarding community interest, and the commission's previous attempts to involve the community. Council Liaison McHugh stated that this is concern is a Council Policy item. By consensus, the commission decided to invite the City Attorney to the May 24 meeting for additional discussion.

2. Sister City Expenses

Staff reviewed the latest expense listing included with the agenda. Total expenses to date are \$4,869.82 with \$1,370.18 remaining in this fiscal year.

3. Tsukuba City, Japan

Commissioner Arbaugh reported that Student Liaison Su implemented matching Milpitas High School students with Tsukuba students, including photos of each student. The Commission expressed gratitude to Student Liaison Su for completing this task in a timely and effective manner.

4. Dagupan City, Philippines

Staff noted that Maybelyn Fernandez, Majority Floor Leader of the Dagupan City Council will visit Milpitas on May 17. Staff will present two study sessions: Emergency Preparedness with Sean Simonson, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, and Solid Waste Recycling with Elizabeth Koo, Administrative Analyst. There will also be tours and staff discussions at the Preschool and Phantom Art Gallery.

5. Huizhou Municipality, China

Chair Grilli reported that he has had no response to his inquiries regarding establishing electronic pen pals between Milpitas and Huizhou students. He noted that the high school's "Spirit Week" dates are not yet set, but this should be known by the May 24 meeting. Huizhou and Dagupan and will each send 10 students. There is no information about a possible visit of Huizhou city officials in July. The commission then reviewed MUSD Liaison Alisantosa's proposed itinerary for a summer visit to Huizhou and emailed report of April 23, 2012. The concern is getting interest from enough people to reduce total cost. The trip may need to be postponed until December or Summer 2013.

6. Comune de Figline Valdarno, Italy

Vice Chair Serpa reported the schedule of May 5 - 10 for the full delegation from the Province of Florence. Mayor Riccardo Nocentini and Councilmember Daniele Raspini of Figline Valdarno will have a day of tours in Milpitas on May 7, including a dinner for the full delegation at Giorgio's Restaurant. On May 8, the Milpitas City

Council will receive the Memorandum of Understanding between Milpitas and Figline Valdarno and Mayor Esteves will conduct the signing ceremony.

X. City Council Liaison Report

- City will participate in an Environmental Impact Report about single-use bags. The Council will further review this issue.
- No action was taken on polystyrene take-our food containers.
- City administration response to \$1.5M in proposed reductions from the bargaining units representing Public Works employees is that it not practical. Outsourcing saves \$2.1M per year to help meet the \$9.2M budget deficit.

XI. School District Liaison Report

None

XII. Future Agenda Items

1. Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchanges
 - i. Tsukuba, Japan
 - ii. Dagupan, Philippines
 - iii. Huizhou, China
 - iv. Figline Valdarno, Italy
2. Sister City Expenses
3. Fundraising Possibilities
4. Town Hall Meeting, October 11, 2012

XIII. Adjournment

No further business was discussed. Chair Grilli adjourned the meeting at 8:50PM until the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 24, 2012.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting of April 26, 2012

M / S: Serpa / Arbaugh

Ayes: All

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Clark
Recording Secretary

Leslie Stobbe
Staff Liaison