



## ***Agenda*** ***Sister Cities Commission***

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May 24, 2012  
Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room  
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.  
7:00 PM

**I. Roll Call**

**II. Seating of Alternates**

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Approval of Minutes: April 26, 2012**

**V. Approval of Agenda**

**VI. Announcements / Correspondence**

Items directly related to the Sister Cities Commission (SCC) and City of Milpitas business.

**VII. Public Forum**

Members of the audience are invited to address the commission in any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record.

Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be added to the agenda of a future meeting.

**VIII. New Business**

**1. MCTV-26 Focus on City Commissions**

**Background:** Debra Whitlock Lax, MCTV Station Manager, sent an email to commission chairs on May 17, 2012 (attached to website posting). Her request is that city commissions review the concept of a segment focusing on their duties and activities. A brainstorming session is proposed for mid-June.

**Recommendation:** Gauge interest with commissioners. Determine a Lead Commissioner to attend meetings and lead this effort.

**2. Flags of Sister Cities**

**Background:** Commissioner Arbaugh expressed interest in leading the effort to acquire city and country flags of Milpitas sister cities. Staff is aware of efforts by other Lead Commissioners to acquire flags and requests a coordinated effort.

**Recommendation:** Discuss developments and next steps.

## IX. Old Business

### 3. Fundraising Possibilities

**Background:** At its April 26 meeting, the Commission reviewed status of the Milpitas Sister Cities Association and discussed other options for maintaining monies gathered via fundraising. Questions remained regarding liability concerns and levels of community involvement needed to support a non-profit organization.

**Recommendation:** Receive information from Chair Grilli and discuss next steps.

### 4. Sister City Expenses

**Background:** After supporting visits from Dagupan and Figline Valdarno, the amount available through June 30 for expenses is \$742.90. An expense listing is attached to the website posting.

**Recommendation:** Note receipt and file.

### 5. Tsukuba City, Japan

**Background:** Commissioner Arbaugh leads this sister city relationship. Milpitas and Tsukuba signed an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on September 1, 2009 for a five-year term, ending September 1, 2014.

**Recommendation:** Receive report from Lead Commissioner Arbaugh about possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

### 6. Dagupan City, Philippines

**Background:** Commissioner Mateo leads this sister city relationship. Milpitas and Dagupan signed an updated MOU in September 15, 2009 for a five-year term, ending September 15, 2013.

**Recommendation:** Receive report from Lead Commissioner Mateo regarding official visit of Maybelyn Fernandez, Majority Floor Leader of the Dagupan City Council on May 17 (itinerary attached to website posting) and a Dagupan student delegation visit in October.

### 7. Huizhou Municipality, China

**Background:** Chair Grilli leads this sister city relationship. Milpitas and Huizhou signed an updated MOU on September 20, 2008 for a five-year term, ending September 20, 2013.

**Recommendation:** Receive report from Chair Grilli regarding a visiting delegation of officials in July and a student delegation visit in October.

### 8. Comune de Figline Valdarno, Italy

**Background:** Vice Chair Serpa leads this sister city relationship. Milpitas and Figline Valdarno signed their first MOU on May 8, 2012 for a two-year term, ending May 8, 2014.

**Recommendation:** Receive report from Vice Chair Serpa regarding May 7 tour and introduction to the City of Milpitas (itinerary attached to website posting) and May 8 signing ceremony.

**X. City Council Liaison Report**

**XI. School District Liaison Report**

**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. MCTV-26 Focus on City Commissions
5. Flags of Sister Cities

**XIII. Adjournment**

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