



Agenda ***Sister Cities Commission***

February 26, 2015
Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
6:00 PM

- I. Roll Call**
- II. Seating of Alternates**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of Minutes: January 22, 2015**
- V. Approval of Agenda: February 26, 2015**
- 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. Fundraising & Promotions Subcommittee**
At the January 22 meeting, the SCC formed a subcommittee to conduct research on how other cities support sister city efforts including specific areas of fundraising and promoting sister city relationships. Commissioners Arbaugh, Arefi and T. Chang volunteered to form this subcommittee.

Recommendation: Receive report from the subcommittee. Discuss next steps.
 - 2. Research of Possible Sister City Relationship in Latin America**
At the January 22 meeting, Council Liaison Grilli noted the request from Councilwoman Montano to begin research into finding a sister city in Latin America.

Recommendation: Information item at this point. Determine where this research and reporting is to be placed within the framework of the Annual Work Plan.

3. Sister City Display of Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs)

At the January 22 meeting, an inquiry was made regarding display of MOUs and art provided by sister cities. Commissioner Nolan will be the SCC's contact with staff on this project moving forward with updates reported, as available.

Recommendation: Receive staff report.

IV. Old Business

4. Seongnam City, Request for Sister City Relationship

The SCC received a letter from Seongnam City on February 19, 2015. The letter, enclosed in the agenda packet, clarifies the intentions Seongnam City has for a sister city relationship with the City of Milpitas. In addition, Seongnam City Mayor Jae Myung Lee along with Seongnam City council members will visit Mayor Esteves on April 8, 2015 at 3PM.

Recommendation: Discuss letter of intent from Seongnam City and review past correspondence (included in the agenda packet).

5. E-Pal Project with Sister Cities

Background: This project continues with renewed attention to linking students, corrected email addresses, and a review between staff and the Digital Business Academy teacher.

Recommendation: Receive staff report.

6. Tsukuba City, Japan

Background: Milpitas and Tsukuba signed an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) effective October 7, 2014 for a five-year term, ending October 7, 2019.

Recommendation: Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

7. Dagupan City, Philippines

Background: Milpitas and Dagupan signed an updated MOU in October 7, 2014 for a five-year term, ending October 7, 2019.

Recommendation: Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

8. Huizhou Municipality, China

Background: Milpitas and Huizhou signed an updated MOU on October 15, 2013 for a five-year term, ending October 15, 2018.

Recommendation: Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

V. Student Liaison Report

VI. City Council Liaison Report

VII. School District Liaison Report

VIII. Future Agenda Items

- a. Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchanges
 - i. Tsukuba, Japan
 - ii. Dagupan, Philippines
 - iii. Huizhou, China
- b. Sign Noting Sister Cities in City Plaza

IX. Adjournment

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