



Agenda ***Sister Cities Commission***

April 23, 2015
Milpitas City Hall, 4th Floor Conference Room
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
6:00 PM

- I. Roll Call**
- II. Seating of Alternates**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of Minutes: March 26, 2015**
- V. Approval of Agenda: April 23, 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. Old Business**
 - 1. Seongnam City, Draft Memorandum of Understanding Review**
Background: At its March meeting the SCC approved recommendation of Seongnam City as a sister city with Milpitas.

Recommendation: Review draft MOU with comments. A motion is needed to present the revised MOU to Council.
 - 2. Fundraising & Promotions Subcommittee**
Background: 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 and Arefi volunteered to form this subcommittee. Commissioner Arefi provided the attached report for the SCC's review and consideration.

Recommendation: Receive report from the subcommittee. Discuss next steps.

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

Background: 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.

4. 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.

5. 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. Vice Chair Arbaugh is the lead commissioner.

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

6. Dagupan City, Philippines

Background: Milpitas and Dagupan signed an updated MOU in October 7, 2014 for a five-year term, ending October 7, 2019. A lead commissioner is needed for this sister city relationship.

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

7. Huizhou Municipality, China

Background: Milpitas and Huizhou signed an updated MOU on October 15, 2013 for a five-year term, ending October 15, 2018. Chair Grilli is the lead commissioner for this relationship.

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

VI. Student Liaison Report

VII. City Council Liaison Report

VIII. School District Liaison Report

IX. 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
- c. Sister City Relationship with a city in Latin America

X. Adjournment

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