

CITY OF MILPITAS
SISTER CITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION (SCC)
COMMUNITY ROOM, MILPITAS CITY HALL

MINUTES
March 24, 2016

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call** Chair Grilli called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners present: Arbaugh, Bayot, Chen, Chang, Grilli. Commissioners absent: Arefi, Llamas. Alternate commissioners present: Manogaran, Awasthi.

Council Liaison Marsha Grilli: Present
MHS Student Liaison Mikayla Horyza: Present
MUSD Liaison Gunawan Alisantosa: Present
Staff Liaison Leslie Stobbe: Present

- II. Alternates Seating of** Alternate Commissioners Manogaran and Awasthi were seated.

- III. Allegiance Pledge of** Chair Grilli conducted the Pledge.

- IV. Minutes** MOTION to approve the minutes of February 25, 2016.
M / S: Arbaugh / Chen Ayes: All

- V. Agenda** MOTION to approve the agenda of March 24, 2016.
M / S: Arbaugh / Chen Ayes: All

- VI. Announcements:** None.

- VII. Public Forum:** None.

VIII. Old Business

1. Discuss Future of Sister City Program

The SCC reviewed past research and actions of the Sister Cities Program. Discussion followed regarding the need to raise awareness about the Program and have a visible public presence in the community. Council Liaison Grilli noted the need to “tell our

story” about the City’s relationships with our sister cities. There were several suggestions: use of City’s Facebook and Twitter accounts; create a community page that would be a separate Facebook page for the SCC; conducting fundraising events; local advertising including use of utility bills, and; having a “Sister Cities Month” of events. A connection with the academies at Milpitas High School was also discussed. The overall consensus was to build a public presence before offering hone stays. It was noted that a set of goals needs to be determined towards building an increased public presence.

2. City Plaza Signs

Staff requested to provide a report at the April meeting.

4. E-Pal Project with Sister Cities

City staff produced a video letter in house of Milpitas students to Tsukuba students. This can be shown at the next meeting.

5. Tsukuba City, Japan

No new information was discussed.

6. Dagupan City, Philippines

No new information was discussed.

7. Huizhou Municipality, China

No new information was discussed. It was noted that a thank you letter to Mr. Saul Yeung was requested at the last meeting. School District Liaison Alisantosa stated he had full contact information and would forward this to staff. Staff will prepare a letter for the Chair’s signature.

X. Student Liaison Report – None

XI. City Council Liaison Report – At last Council meeting, the Council approved 20-year contract for trash disposal with Waste Management, Inc., to the Guadalupe Landfill in South San Jose.

XII. School District Liaison Report – A bond measure will not be brought forward this year and a demographer’s report shows a need for a new elementary school.

XIII. Future Agenda Items

1. Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchanges
 - i. Tsukuba, Japan
 - ii. Dagupan, Philippines
 - iii. Huizhou, China
2. MOU Display on 2nd Floor of Milpitas City Hall
3. Sister City Relationship with a city in Latin America
4. Status of Seongnam City, South Korea

XII. Adjournment

No further business was discussed. Chair Grilli requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. until the regularly meeting of April 28, 2016.

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting of March 24, 2016 to the regular meeting of April 28, 2016.

M / S: Manogaran / Awasthi Ayes: All

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Stobbe
Staff Liaison