



International Affairs Board

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, November 10, 2021

TIME: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Virtual Zoom Webinar

I. Call to Order | Approval of October 13, 2021 Minutes

- Roll Call:

Board

Ms. Mary Abad	–	Present
Ms. Melissa Floca	–	Present
Mr. Andre Kwan	–	Present
Mr. Mark Leo	–	Absent
Ms. Chandler Martin	–	Present
Ms. Hilda Mwangi	–	Present
Ms. Caroleen Williams	–	Present
Ms. Kenia Zamarripa	–	Present
Ms. Victoria Philips	–	Present
Mr. Brian D’Amico	–	Present
Mr. William Roberston-Geibel	–	Present
Mr. Nathan Williams	–	Present
Mr. Dennis-Michael Broussard	–	Present
Mr. Gustavo De La Fuente	–	Present
Mr. Richard Bainter	–	Present
Ms. Karen Higareda	–	Present

City Staff

Rita Fernandez, Executive Director	–	Present
Sarah Moga-Aleman, Binational Affairs	–	Present
Farhat Popal, Immigrant Affairs Manager	–	Present

- Approval of Minutes:
 - Minutes were approved

II. Public Comments

- a. N/A

III. Overview of 2030 Vision – Kenia Zamarripa, Vice Chair, IAB

- a. Addressed where San Diego is in becoming a global city and what goals San Diego should pursue into the future.

- b. This information was collated and processed in conjunction with the UCSD Design Lab.
- c. The 2030 vision addresses numerous facets of the city and surrounding communities including migrant communities, FDI, border economics, transportation, policy, aerospace, etc.
- d. Now that the IAB has established its new members it is time to address the five priorities derived from the 2030 Vision. During the Welcoming San Diego initiative long- and short-term goals were created for each priority. Kenia Zamarripa hopes that the board can finally address this task.

IV. Mayor's Office Global Affairs Agenda – Rita Fernandez, Director of Global Affairs

- a. IAB can be congratulated for successfully supporting the creation of the office of Global Affairs.
- b. Where the office has landed is that it's strategy will be a series of initiatives to package their work going forward. This will clarify and help communicate what it is doing and will assure the office addressing the key areas that make up San Diego's priorities.
- c. The series of Initiatives are:
 - i. Binational Community for All of Us (Largest Border Community in the Nation, focuses on the local cooperation between San Diego and Mexico/Tijuana)
 - ii. Global to Local (Working Title, subject to change) (Furthering our relationship with countries through our consular corps.)
 - iii. Global Vision SD (Increasing San Diego's global image, presence, and engagement) (Divided into subcategories including climate change, human rights, economic development, etc.)
 - iv. Potential: Global Goals for a Sustainable City (Advancing Sustainable Development Goals in the city)
 - v. Potential: Stand Alone Economic Development Initiative (This is still in the development phase and would take feedback and be created in cooperation with the IAB)
- d. Discussion with and questions from IAB members on the relationship, purpose, etc. of the IAB in conjunction with the mayoral office of Global Affairs.

V. Discussion on 2030 Vision and Focus Areas Moving Forward

- a. Discussion moved slightly off agenda and began early on the next agenda task

VI. Discussion on Future Meeting Agenda Structure and Subcommittees

- a. There was a request for information on how the IAB can immediately help the mayor's office and what mechanisms there are for that.

- b. Suggestions were given to address the creation of subcommittees related to the Global Affairs Office's Initiatives at a retreat in January.
- c. A motion was created to have a retreat in January to go over the function of the IAB and a majority was obtained passing the resolution.
- d. A vote was taken that seemed to indicate that members would prefer this retreat to be in person although some members indicated that they may need a hybrid option in order to attend depending on the date of the retreat.

VII. Discussion on Afghan Refugee Follow Up

- a. Brian D'Amico made a statement but no further consideration of this issue was presented at this time.

VIII. Adjourn