

**Meeting Minutes**  
 June 9, 2016

North Terraces Room, San Diego Concourse, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Excused</b>	<b>Guests:</b>	<b>Guests:</b>
Roberto Alcantar	Bruce Abrams	Putai Taae	Taaroarii Avae
Kathleen Charla	Emiliano Aragon	Gaston Tunoa	Charles Villierme
Deborah Flores	Mark Leo	Jean Tordhia	Sonia Taae
Rebecca Morales	Rita Lim	Ralph Sanford	Hiren Bakrania
Bob Morris	Jordan Marks	Maeva Tarahu-McNicol	DM Broussard
	Patricia Waller		

**Mayoral Staff:** Don Giaquinto  
**City Economic Development Staff:** Adrienne Turner

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**Call to Order:** Kathleen Charla for Bruce Abrams @ 2:05 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** May 12, 2016 minutes were not approved due to lack of a quorum

**Non-Agenda Public Comment:** Maeva Tarahu-McNicol spoke for a group of Tahitian representatives. Flyers were distributed for the Te Moana, Heiva San Diego 2016, a Tahitian festival and dance competition to be held August 19<sup>th</sup> –21<sup>st</sup> at the San Diego Concourse. The group supports intercultural activities around the world and brings the Samoan, Fijian, and other Polynesian cultures to the United States. The group is interested in a Friendship City relationship.

**Guest Speaker:** Councilmember Chris Cate reported on what he has been doing to promote District 6 and the City of San Diego’s international partnerships and trade relationships abroad specifically with the Philippines where his family came from in the 1970s. There are now over 200,000 Filipinos in San Diego. He has a close working relationship with County Supervisor Ron Roberts who has strong ties to Asian cultures. The councilmember plans to travel to other parts of Asia and the South Pacific to build more economic relationships. Local strategic groups and partnerships may be sources to build economic relationships. His staff member Luis Pallera, can be a point of contact for the IAB.

**Special Information Item:** Denice Garcia, Director of Binational Affairs, Office of the Mayor gave a presentation on the Office of Binational Affairs its goals, activities and accomplishments. Topics covered included: Binational Events, Binational Infrastructure Projects, San Diego-Tijuana MOU, Economic Development Collaboration, Public Safety issues, Environmental Collaboration, Arts and Culture, plus various ongoing activities.

**Action Items:** None

## **Discussion Items:**

### **a. Mayor Faulconer's office – Don Giaquinto**

The memorandum for the re-appointments and two new appointments to the board has been signed by the Mayor. The City Attorney's office is drafting an Ordinance for City Council approval. The item should be docketed for Council hearing before the end of the month.

### **b. Friendship Cities Program (FCP) updates**

- General overview and Huzhou, China – Kathleen Charla for Bruce Abrams gave a brief update on the FCP program: Sha'ar HaNegev, Israel and San Borja, Peru both approved at the IAB May meeting. Bruce will have details on his contact with Huzhou, China next month.
- Bora Bora – Rebecca Morales raised the question of having two Friendship Cities from the same region: such as Tahiti and Bora Bora. The local Sponsoring Organization that completes the application would have to show the foreign city meets the FCP requirements. There are no other restrictions.
- Gmail account – Deborah Flores has a Gmail account in the test message stage. A Facebook page was discussed. Protocols would need to be followed and daily upkeep would be required. Dedicated volunteers would be needed for that type of activity. If board members know of anyone interested in that type of volunteer work they should let the board know.

### **c. Administration of Public Relations for IAB activities –**

Bob Morris had limited contact with UT and will follow-up with other contacts.

### **e. Monthly Activity Reports/Annual Report:**

All board members should send their reports to IAB intern, Hiren Bakrania.

**Board Chair Report:** Chair Bruce Abrams out of town will attend July meeting.

**Announcements:** Kathleen Charla will be absent for the July meeting.

**Report of member activities:** To be reported in the monthly activity reports.

**Adjournment:** 3:29 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** July 14, 2016; 2:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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