



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD (SBAB) MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2014

War Memorial Building – Room 2
3325 Zoo Drive, San Diego, CA 92101

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT
Edward Barbat: Arrived at 8:55 a.m. Dr. Ruben Garcia Robert Glick Michelle Gray Guy Hanford Gary Peterson: Departed at 9:02 a.m.	Catherine Arambula Antonio Barbosa Joseph Fox William Lynch (1 Vacant Seat)

CITY STAFF
Lisa Gordon, Small Business Ambassador & SBAB Liaison Alicia Martinez-Higgs, Community Development Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT
See February 21, 2014 Attendance Sheet

1. Call to Order & Introductions

- Dr. Ruben Garcia, Board Chairman called meeting to order without quorum at 8:49 a.m.
- Board members Robert Glick, Michelle Gray, Guy Hanford, and Gary Peterson introduced themselves.
- Chair Garcia also introduced distinguished guests Dr. Aleta Wilson, Regional Director of Small Business Development Center, and Paul Hollenbach, SCORE Counselor and Volunteer.

(Board Quorum was met at 8:55 a.m. with arrival of Board member Edward Barbat during beginning of Public Comment)

2. Public Comment

- Christine Haslet of Lucky Pup Dog Rescue, a non-profit organization [501(c)(3)] that has rescued about 200 dogs, is interested in opening a retail outlet and is seeking a location in San Diego dedicated solely to the care and adoption of rescue dogs.
- Ms. Haslet shared that the City of Los Angeles recently partnered with a local non-profit organization (“Best Friends”) to create an alternative to animal shelters and provide a vacant space (owned by the City) for the adoption of rescue dogs. Ms. Haslet shared that she was uncertain if the City of San Diego works with non-profits, and was curious to see what the City may be able to offer a small non-profit.
- Dr. Garcia mentioned that there are grants for non-profits offered by the federal government and recommended researching grants pertaining to Ms. Haslet’s interests via the website: www.grants.gov.
- Paul Hollenbach, SCORE Representative, also mentioned that Ms. Haslet may want to research the almanac of grants in the Resource Center at the Main Library that is a comprehensive listing of all available grants.
- Chair Garcia stated that a quorum of the Board had been met, and asked Board member Edward Barbat to introduce himself.
- (Board member Michelle Gray later mentioned that the Board may not be the proper entity for Ms. Haslet’s request (use of City vacant land/unused property), and Lisa Gordon-Hosch stated that she would follow up on the inquiry to determine/refer appropriate City staff or department that may be able to assist.)

3. Update on Future Use of the former Central Library - Maureen Kantner

(This item moved up on the agenda due to Ms. Kantner’s need to depart the Board meeting before 9:00 a.m. for another previously scheduled meeting.)

- Maureen Kantner, Council Representative for Councilmember Sherri Lightner, provided a brief update on the status of discussions regarding the future use of the former downtown Central Library, and as a follow up to the Board’s interest in possible future use as incubator space for small businesses.
- Ms. Kantner explained that there is an existing deed restriction on the library that specifies that the facility/land must be used as a “public library” and a legal analysis is currently underway to determine whether any changes can be made to modify or amend the deed restriction. She also stated that the Mayor’s Office, Council members, City Attorney’s Office, and Civic San Diego were initially engaged in this discussion, however with leadership changes and transition expected with the Mayor’s Office and Civic San Diego, the discussion has been a bit delayed. Ms. Kantner also stated that she would keep the Board advised and solicit participation if any public meetings are offered, and she welcomed the opportunity to provide an update at a future Board meeting.

- Board member Peterson inquired about the deed restriction and how “public library” is defined within the deed restriction. Ms. Kantner stated that a legal analysis is underway and will help clarify and determine how to proceed. They are looking at what constitutes a “public library” and shared use of resources.
- Board member Robert Glick inquired as to whether a revision or amendment could be made to the deed restriction to change use of the former library. Ms. Kantner responded that the legal analysis will help determine whether this is possible.
- Board member Gary Peterson asked if other ideas were being considered for possible future use of the library. Ms. Kantner mentioned that she was mostly aware of the discussion pertaining to use of the library as incubator space.

4. Approval of Minutes

- **A motion was made by Gary Peterson to approve the December 13, 2013 Minutes. There was a second by Robert Glick. Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 4, Vacant Seat: 1**
- Board member Gary Peterson departed the meeting at 9:02 a.m. (Board Quorum lost)

5. Information Items presented by City Staff

- The following presentations and updates were provided by City Staff as information only:
 - Economic Development Tourism Support Grant and Panel – Luis Ojeda, EDTS Program Manager
 - Panel Volunteers: Edward Barbat, Michelle Gray, Robert Glick, Guy Hanford
 - City of San Diego Film Production Registration Process – Cindy Kodama, Special Events Administrator
 - BID Council Report – Elizabeth Studebaker, BID Advocate

6. Next Meeting Date

- **Next Meeting Date and Location – April 18, 2014 (2nd Friday) at the War Memorial Building in Room 2** located at 3325 Zoo Drive, San Diego, CA 92101
<http://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/parks/balboa/warmemorial.shtml#>

Directions/Parking:

- The War Memorial Building is located at the north end of Balboa Park at Park Boulevard and Zoo Drive, across from Roosevelt Middle School. Take Hwy 163 South to Park Blvd Exit. Turn left at Park Blvd., then continue to Zoo Drive. Make a left/go west on Zoo Drive. Building will be on your left. Street parking available on Zoo Drive, Park Blvd., or in the north end of the Zoo’s parking lot.

10. Meeting Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned by Board Chair Garcia without objection at 9:45 a.m.