



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BOARD

Meeting Minutes:
May 17, 2011

Economic Growth Services
202 C Street, 4th Floor
San Diego, CA 92101
(619) 236-6320

Present:

Jaalin Cheng
Cath DeStefano
Deborah Flores
Donovan Geiger
Walter Lam
Fred Raafat
Pamela Thorsch

Excused:

Daniel Abbott
Gloria Cazares
Patricia Reeve
Elizabeth Robles

Unexcused:

Ileana Ovalle
Jason Wells

Guests:

Doug Rider

City Staff:

Adrienne Turner

Call to Order: Donovan Geiger @ 9:11 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the April 19, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

Guest Speaker: Denise Dimon, The Ahlers Center for International Business, University of San Diego, gave an excellent presentation on Global Business Activity in San Diego and the results of a survey of International Business Needs. Also discussed was information on the Ahlers Center's international business degrees and international opportunities for students, faculty and the business community.

Committee Reports:

- a. **Board Development:** There was no new activity to report.
- b. **Board Involvement:** Board members had touched base with possible future speakers but no dates had been finalized.
- c. **International Breakfast** – The checklist was reviewed. It was discussed that both the newly named SDSU President, Elliot Hirshman, and the Dean of the College of Business Administration, Michael Cunningham, may be asked to attend or be the keynote speaker. A suggestion was made that a panel with leaders from all universities could lead a discussion.

Chairs Report: None

Announcements: Donovan Geiger presented Cath DeStefano with a Special Commendation certificate from Mayor Jerry Sanders thanking her for her years of dedicated service on the IAB, particularly as president for two years.

Adjournment: Donovan Geiger adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Next Meeting: June 21, 2011

If unable to attend meeting, call Adrienne Turner at 619.236.6364 or email at aturner@sandiego.gov
