



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BOARD

Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2014

Economic Development

1200 Third Avenue, 14th Floor, Large Conference Room, San Diego, CA 92101 - 619.236.6364

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| Present: Bruce Abrams Roberto Alcantar Deborah Flores John Galt Alfonso Hernandez | Present: Mark Leo Rita Lim Rebecca Morales Patricia Waller | Excused: Emiliano Aragon Unexcused: Bob Morris | Guests: Donovan Geiger David Edick |
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Mayoral Staff: Don Giaquinto

City Economic Development Staff: Adrienne Turner, Lydia Moreno

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**Call to Order:** Bruce Abrams, Chair @ 2:00 p.m.

**Introductions:** One new board member, appointed on June 24<sup>th</sup>, was introduced. One of the re-appointed board members and other members briefly introduced themselves.

**Approval of Minutes:** May 8, 2014 minutes were approved unanimously (no quorum at June meeting)

**Guest Speaker:** Monica Bauer, Associate Director/Coordinator of Latino Relations for the Anti-Defamation League – The presentation included comprehensive information on the League’s work related to fighting hate to build a better world plus advocating for and protecting individual rights and freedoms.

**Brown Act presentation:** City Attorney’s office – A hard copy of a slide presentation on the Brown Act was given to each board member. Key points on the slides were discussed. Board members also received a copy of a flyer covering Avoiding Financial Conflicts of Interest.

**Action Items:**

- a. Approval of the following Statement to be presented to the City Council was unanimous:  
**In recognition of the City of San Diego’s sensitivity to kidnapping, human trafficking and slavery issues, we strongly support the Nigerian call to Bring Back Our Girls.**  
Bruce offered to get in touch with council president Gloria’s office to put item in agenda. Deborah will contact Walter Lam for community support from the Alliance for African Assistance.

- b. August meeting – The Board approved holding a meeting in August with an 8 yes to 1 no vote.

Rebecca suggested the August meeting be a type of retreat. A more flexible room environment and extended time was discussed. Board members agreed with the time change to be from 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm. Suggested agenda items for next meeting/retreat:

- a. Check-in with a skills sheet (5 facts about yourself)
- b. What are goals for the board?
- c. Who do we report to?
- d. What do Councilmembers and Mayor expect from the board?

**Discussion Items:**

- a. Mayor Falconer’s office – Don Giaquinto  
Don discussed how the Mayor’s office is supportive of the board and would like the board to operate independently as experts in topics of interest for the Mayor’s office. In September meeting, board will meet with Mayor’s office.
- b. Board meeting attendance – review of IAB bylaws  
Reviewed attendance item in Bylaws. Board agreed with item as written.
- c. Future Speakers – Tabled for August meeting

**Board Chair Report:**

**Announcements:**

1. Patricia distributed a report covering a teleconference with Morris Cerullo World Evangelism (MCWE) officials.

**Report of member activities:**

1. Bruce invited members of the board to his birthday party, which is also a fundraiser for Border Angels
2. John Galt will be attending the Africa Summit in Washington D.C.

**Adjournment:** Bruce Abrams adjourned the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** August 14, 2014

**RSVP or if unable to attend meeting call Adrienne Turner at 619.236.6364 or email at [aturner@sandiego.gov](mailto:aturner@sandiego.gov)**