



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BOARD

Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 2014

Mayor's office

City Administration Building, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101, 11<sup>th</sup> floor – large conference room

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**Present:**

Bruce Abrams  
Emiliano Aragon  
Deborah Flores

**Present:**

Mark Leo  
Rebecca Morales  
Patricia Waller

**Excused:**

Roberto Alcantar  
John Galt  
Alfonso Hernandez  
Rita Lim

**Guests:**

Andrew Deeley  
Heikki Gronlund  
George Novinger

**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.

**Approval of Minutes:** August 14, 2014 minutes were approved

**Non-Agenda Public Comment:**

Heikki Gronlund and George Novinger of the House of Pacific Relations in Balboa Park followed up on the presentation at the August IAB meeting and restated the need for support of the proposed 10 new international houses (5 duplex cottages) in Balboa Park. They had received a letter of support from Mayor Faulconer and asked the IAB for similar support.

**Discussion Item:**

- a. Don Giaquinto introduced Sharon Spivak from the City Attorney's office to go over the board's mission and answer any questions from the board.

**Guest Speaker:**

Mayor Kevin Faulconer expressed his support for the IAB in their endeavors to do what is needed to help move the city forward and build relationships with international groups and other organizations. The Mayor talked about the centennial and the efforts to make sure the celebration is done well and is truly international.

**Action Items:**

- a. The resignation of Bob Morris will be followed up on by Don Giaquinto.
- b. Bruce Abrams, as Chair, formally appointed Rita Lim as Vice Chair.

- c. Bruce suggested moving the meetings to the City Concourse. Rebecca made a motion and Patricia seconded. Don Giaquinto will explore the options.
- d. Bruce distributed a draft of an IAB activity report for monthly reporting by board members. He requested suggestions and edits be sent to Mark to be finalized into Google Docs.
- e. Rebecca discussed a proposed Innovation Prize Contest for the Balboa Park Centennial Celebration. She and a partner are still working on the details, the contest could be for both local and international communities. Prizes could include: cash, a trip to a Sister City. etc.

**Discussion Items:**

- a. The possibility of looking for an intern to help the IAB with its work and visibility was discussed. Patricia will draft a job description.
- b. Bruce asked Don to reach out to the San Diego Regional EDC (Mark Cafferty) to try and schedule someone from that organization as a future speaker.
- c. Don was also requested to try and schedule City Councilmember as speakers for IAB meetings, one speaker per meeting, starting with Todd Gloria.
- d. Rebecca will send board members information on the proposed Innovation Challenge. Bruce to add the proposal as an agenda item for a future meeting.

**Report of member activities:**

- 1. Emiliano discussed his report on SPAWAR.

**Adjournment:** Bruce Abrams adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** October 9, 2014

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