



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BOARD
MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 10, 2014

TO: Honorable Interim Mayor Todd Gloria
Honorable Council President Pro Tem Sherry Lightner
Honorable Members of the City Council

FROM: Pamela Thorsch Chair, International Affairs Board

SUBJECT: 2013 Annual Report of the International Affairs Board

Background and Introduction

The International Affairs Board (IAB) was created in 1966 by San Diego Municipal Code, Chapter II, Art. 6, Sec. 26.22 & 26.23.

The mission of the International Affairs Board (IAB):

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 26.23 of the Municipal Code, the International Affairs Board [the Board] shall foster and promote friendly relations and better understanding between peoples and communities of the United States of America and the peoples and communities of foreign nations. The Board shall also further economic cooperation and cultural interchange. It shall develop, compile and exchange information, as well as plan, develop and carry out mutual economic and cultural activities.

The IAB is comprised of residents of the County of San Diego who are appointed by the Mayor of San Diego and confirmed by the City Council. Members serve as uncompensated volunteers for two-year terms until resignation or a successor is duly appointed.

Current Membership

The above referenced municipal code stipulated that there was to be a fifteen (15) member board. Over the years it was found to be difficult to meet with a quorum of members due to the volunteer nature of the Board and competing time conflicts. Therefore, the Board petitioned to reduce the designated number of members to eleven (11) which was adopted by the City Council on August 4, 2012, reducing quorum to a more efficient six (6).

However, that has not been the only structural issue for the Board. Currently, the IAB has six vacancies. (See attached roster for member names and contact information). This has been a

result of a lack of candidates being vetted due to turnover in the Protocol Office and the turmoil during former Mayor Filner's term in 2012 and 2013.

On October 21, 2013 a letter from the IAB was sent to Interim Mayor Gloria, and all City Councilmembers introducing the IAB, with a specific request to please fill the board vacancies, and do so with persons who are actively engaged, and well-respected in the arena of international affairs. We also requested that the composition be reflective of the cultural diversity of our community, and individuals are selected from a variety of fields including education, art, science, business and bi-national engagement.

Board Initiatives and Recommendations:

According to Section §26.22 of the Municipal Code the appointed Powers and Duties of the International Affairs Board are outlined below.

Over the years the IAB has struggled with finding direction and how best to be of service to the Mayor and City Council. One of the issues we've been faced with is that past administrations were not engaging with IAB membership for either expert advice or active representation in meeting with foreign delegations. Many of these foreign delegations have gone unacknowledged when visiting the city and as a result they leave with a very negative impression. The Board made efforts to create a website and involve ourselves; however our capacity to serve in our role was very limited and constrained by the personal international interest of each Mayor and Council Member.

The Board has made a commitment to provide advice and, when called upon, represent the Mayor and City Council in meetings with international entities to develop trust, goodwill and peace through citizen diplomacy and build a resilient global community.

At the request of the IAB, Former Mayor Filner met with the Board on February 19, 2013. He shared his vision for the San Diego Region which focused on strengthening our bi-national relations with Tijuana. We requested direction from him, and his response was to ask us to present him with a proposal, and projected budget, on what the IAB was capable of doing on a "big vision" level based on our meeting. (Reference attached meeting minutes).

In keeping within the IAB's duties as an advisory board we presented Former Mayor Filner with a proposal on March 26, 2013, (see attached), and on June 18, 2013 he met with our board again providing approval of our proposal (reference meeting minutes). Additionally, based on meetings with the Protocol Office in May, the IAB was made aware that the 2015 Balboa Park Centennial Celebration was re-directing its focus to include international venues in Plaza de Panama and our assistance was requested in this development of activities.

Therefore the board presented Former Mayor Filner with a draft of an advanced 26-week calendar of proposed events to be hosted by international organizations/groups who are already active within San Diego. The schedule also highlighted noteworthy international festivals that are celebrated in San Diego, along with a matrix of countries that have significant populations within the San Diego region. (see attached).

A recommendation was sent to Interim Mayor Gloria on October 21, 2013, to consider inviting the S.D. County Board of Supervisors to select an Ex Officio member to serve on the IAB in order to unify our global affair efforts to work together on initiatives that could develop outreach to our multicultural diverse region, as well those involving foreign nations.

Powers and Duties:

(a) The Board shall foster and promote friendly relations and better understanding between peoples and communities of the United States of America and the peoples and communities of foreign nations.

(b) The Board shall further economic cooperation and cultural interchange between communities of foreign nations and communities of the United States of America.

(c) The Board shall develop, compile and exchange information, as well as plan, develop and carry out mutual economic and cultural activities, with citizens of foreign nations.

(d) The Board shall confer with the San Diego International Sister Cities Corporation, which analyzes and guides development of Sister City "twinning," to make appropriate recommendations to the City Council concerning the establishment of additional Sister City relationships.

("International Affairs Board —Powers and Duties" added 5-26-1966 by O-9438 N.S.) (Amended 6-26-2012 by O-2012-10 N.S Ordinance #20179.; effective 7-5-2012)

Status of Recommendations:

1. Develop a Global Communication Center

The incorporation of the Center was approved by the Mayor on June 18th, advising that the proposed \$25,000 would be incorporated into the \$1 million budget the City Council had already approved for the creation of the incubator/think-tank on the 4th floor of City Hall as presented in the City's 2014 budget. The IAB was directed to arrange a meeting with Teddy Cruz and Fonna Forman to present the idea and to collaborate with them on its development.

An initial meeting was held in the Office of the Mayor on July 2, 2013 between Teddy Cruz, Fonna Forman, Mario Lopez, Donovan Geiger, Pamela Thorsch and Adrienne Turner.

Since then a hold was placed on the incubator center during the mayoral transitional period, and has now been approved to move forward with modifications. A meeting will be scheduled for October 2013.

2. Develop relations with the San Diego Consular Corps

Donovan Geiger and Pamela Thorsch attended a meeting with the San Diego Consular Corps in May 2013 to open up new dialogue between the Corps and the City. The Consular Corp was delighted to have the IAB in attendance, however they echoed the same comments the IAB has heard from other international groups that city officials frequently "brush-off" or

entirely ignore foreign delegations. They look forward to improving relations with Mayor's office, members of city council and the IAB.

Consular Corps President Erik Nowacki was scheduled to present at an IAB meeting, however was not able to due to a last minute family crisis. The IAB is re-scheduling his presentation and plans to continue building on the positive atmosphere our initial meeting developed with the Consular Corps.

3. Repair and Renovation of the International Cottages in Balboa Park

On August 4, 2013 Donovan Geiger and Pamela Thorsch made a presentation to the House of Pacific Relations (HPR) which is the governing body of the International Cottages and includes the presidents of the 32 member countries of which 22 presently have a physical cottage in Balboa Park and 10 are waiting for approval and/or funding to construct one. The IAB discussed the state of maintenance and the critical need of repairs to the cottages and the bureaucratic issues blocking progress.

The HPR was also presented with a new "repair reporting form" that the IAB created in order to develop a more efficient and track able system for repair requests made to the Park and Recreation Department.

Since the presentation all 22 cottages have reported their repair needs, a matrix of those repairs was made, and a meeting held with Marie Wiggins and Phyllis Swanegan of Park and Recreation/Balboa Park. The requests were reviewed and some minor repairs were schedule, however budgetary constraints limited what could be done. The cottages are looking into alternative funding sources and possible volunteer renovation events which would be approved by Park and Recreation prior to work being done, however long term City funding is still desperately needed.

At the request of the IAB, Ms. Wiggins and District 3 Interim Chief of Staff Stephen Hill presented at the Oct. 6th HPR Delegates (representatives from all the cottages). At the meeting they addressed and discussed related issues to repairs and the park and answered questions. The delegates greatly appreciated their attendance, which opened the door for further communication.

Note: All the cottages require plumbing and electrical retrofitting (most are still original from the early 1900's and posing a safety risk) which is a Capital Improvement. Park and Recreation has stated they have no funds to address these repairs.

The IAB will continue to coordinate with the HPR, attend meetings, and support their needs particularly in the lead up to the 2015 Balboa Park Centennial.

4. Involvement with International Business and Cultural Meetings and Events

- a. Each IAB member has identified a foreign region (or specific country) they have an interest in and have agreed to outreach to corresponding groups, organizations and communities in San Diego to attend events and engage them on behalf of the IAB.

- b. Members are requested to report on their international activities monthly at each Board meeting and share information about upcoming international events.
- c. The IAB offered networking assistance to the Worldview Project which directly resulted funding for the Harmony & Motion International Music and Dance Festival to be held in Balboa Park. Worldview Project also received an invitation to participate in the opening of the new San Diego Central Library as a result on continued coordination.
- d. The IAB recommended to the Mayor's Office to consider taking stakeholders and interested parties across the border in order to attend meetings, tour sites and facilities, engage in dialogue and exchange ideas, and to bridge relationships. Quotes on bus transportation was presented to the Mayor's office to provide an idea of what this kind of initiative would cost.
- e. Bob Morris and Pamela Thorsch of the IAB attended the opening of the Mayor's satellite office in Tijuana.
- f. A member of the IAB, Bob Morris, is now employed as the US Partnership Developer for Tijuana Innovadora Conference. Mr. Morris is also the President of the Tijuana Sister City, making plans to revive the dormant program in 2014.
- g. Forums are under development to bring representatives from the diverse sectors of the San Diego community together to discuss social issues and resources that impact them. The objective is to begin relationship building and sharing of resources to establish a more resilient international community.
- h. Ways to develop collaborative partnerships are being explored with the developers of the incubator center, the San Diego Diplomacy Council and the Joan Kroc Peace and Justice Center among others organizations.
- i. The IAB organized a meeting/presentation on Tuesday, July 2, 2013 with the principals of Autonomy, the event producers of the 2015 Balboa Park Celebration to introduce our Board, offer support, and to combine efforts to engage international organizations and increase participation in the international festivities scheduled for the Centennial.

At this meeting, the IAB also brought together representatives from other international organizations. Attending guests: Robert Ito, The Asian American Business Association; Kaitlan Hammock, The International Rescue Committee; Rosario Camacho and Mike Richards of The House of Pacific Relations; and Tom Johnson O'Neill, of The San Diego Participant Observer.

Outside Guest Speakers in 2013:

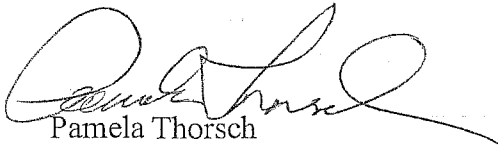
May - Supervisor Ron Roberts. The IAB board met with Supervisor Roberts and his chief of Staff, Sal Giametta, at the County Administration Building to learn about his international efforts, specifically those relating to the Pacific Rim and the impact his efforts are making upon San Diego.

The IAB discussed the feasibility of appointing an ex-officio member from the County to serve on the IAB board to represent the County and act as a liaison with the Board of Supervisors.

- July - Tom Johnson O'Neill, Executive Director of the Participant Observer and Worldview Project discussed his contacts and calendar of international events across San Diego. The Board developed a new partnership to combine efforts and resources to keep all informed of new events.
- Sept - Jill Secard, Executive Director of the San Diego Diplomacy Council discussed the history of her organization and current international activities. Ms. Secard also informed the Board that she is searching for a new office and the Board agreed to assist within our networking contacts, which included scheduling a meeting with the Arts and Letters Dept. at San Diego State University who is in the process of opening a new building that might be interested in housing this organization. The Board also committed to improving coordination with the Diplomacy Council.
- Oct - Laura Araujo, Director of Bi-National Affairs and Leadership Programs for the Tijuana Innovadora Conference presented the plans and vision for the 2014 Conference scheduled to be held October 16-26, 2014; along with the plans under development for participation in the 2015 Balboa Park Centennial and shared the vision under discussion to create a joint conference with San Diego and Tijuana in 2016 in an effort to further develop San Diego and Tijuana into a strong, collaborative region.

Attending Guests: David Edick, World Affairs Council & Sister Cities, Kate Leonard, Honorary Consul General to Japan; Lisa Starkley, Manager of Canadian Consulate and Trade Commission; Linda Feldman, Jewish Federation; Jacquie Parker, World Trade Center-Latin Desk; Ping Pew, Convoy BID/Asian Business Assn., Bertha Hernandez, HPR-House of Mexico.

This annual report is respectfully submitted on behalf of the International Affairs Board, unanimously approved on January 9, 2014.



Pamela Thorsch
Chair, International Affairs Board

Attachments:

- IAB Roster
- February 2013 meeting minutes
- Proposal to Mayor Filner
- June 2013 meeting minutes
- Matrix - International Country representation in San Diego 2013
- Matrix - Centennial bi-weekly country listing



International Affairs Board

Board Member	Council District/Community	Appointment Date	Term Expiration Date
<u>Emiliano A. Aragon</u>	Santee	11/27/2012	3/1/2013
<u>VACANT</u> (David Felsen)*	District 5 Rancho Bernardo	11/27/2012	3/1/2014
<u>Alfonso Hernandez</u>	District 2 Downtown	11/27/2012	3/1/2014
<u>Bob Morris</u>	District 2 Bankers Hill	11/27/2012	3/1/2014
<u>VACANT</u> (Feraidoon Raafat)*	District 1 Del Mar Heights	4/1/2009	3/1/2011
		9/11/2008	3/1/2009
		5/3/2005	3/1/2007
		6/14/2004	3/1/2005
<u>VACANT</u> (Elizabeth Robles)*	District 8 Nestor	11/27/2012	3/1/2013
		4/1/2009	3/1/2011
		9/11/2008	3/1/2009
<u>Donovan Geiger</u>	District 7 Tierrasanta	11/27/2012	3/1/2014
		9/11/2008	3/1/2010
<u>Pamela Thorsch</u>	District 3 North Park	11/27/2012	3/1/2014
		10/27/2008	3/1/2010
<u>Gloria Cazares</u>	Chula Vista	11/27/2012	3/1/2013
		6/12/2009	3/1/2011
<u>Deborah Flores</u>	District 6 Linda Vista	11/27/2012	3/1/2014
		6/12/2009	3/1/2010
<u>Patricia E. Reeve</u>	District 5 Scripps Ranch	9/11/2008	3/1/2010
		5/3/2005	3/1/2007

*Resigned

11 Members, 2 Year Term until a successor is appointed and qualified
 Appointed by Mayor, Confirmed by Council
 San Diego Municipal Code 26.22

Members are not required to file Statement of Economic Interests

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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BOARD

Meeting Minutes:

February 19, 2013 – Special time: 11:00 a.m.

Economic Development

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

Present:

Emiliano Aragon
Gloria Cazares
Deborah Flores
Donovan Geiger
Bob Morris
Pamela Thorsch

Excused:

Alfonso Hernandez
Patricia Reeve

Unexcused:

Elizabeth Robles

Guests:

David Edick
Doug Rider
Ralph Achenbach
Suzie Ditmars
Rita Lim

Walter Lam
Wendy Lucas-Meyer
Keshav Damoor
Ron Powell

City Economic Development Staff: Adrienne Turner, Lydia Moreno, Tom Tomlinson

Mayoral Staff: Rev. John Ringgold, Mario Lopez, Jessica Gomez

Call to Order: Donovan Geiger @ 11:09 a.m.

Approval of November 2012 Minutes – The November meeting minutes were approved. (No quorum at the January meeting).

Introductions: Board members and guests introduced themselves.

Guest Speaker: Mayor Bob Filner talked about the diversity of cultures in San Diego, the importance of learning from other cultures and his plans to open an office in Tijuana. He shared his thoughts for the San Diego and Tijuana (SD/TJ) region:

- SD/TJ share one region and should partner in activities such as: arts and culture; bi-national bands/music across the border; and jointly apply for the 2024 Olympics.
- Both cities are centers of innovation and should work to attract more capital investment.
- SD/TJ should find new ways to market and sell to businesses and to national and political conventions and offer bi-national packages for travelers.
- Emphasized the border is critical and should be made smarter: if the border is more efficient it would be more secure and the wait times to cross the border shorter.
- As chair of the U.S.-Mexico Border Mayors Association, his goal is to reduce border wait times to 15 minutes.
- Discussed the importance of student exchanges and building bridges and not walls.
- He felt Tijuana should play a role in the upcoming Panama Centennial in Balboa Park. He shared his idea to feature a different country/culture for a 2-week period throughout the year-long celebration.
- Stated there needs to be bold and aggressive action to help San Diego become a better city.

The Mayor also felt the IAB could offer assistance to the Centennial organizers. The IAB should become more connected to international and cultural groups. Mayor Filner also stated he is open to ideas regarding appropriate gifts given to visiting foreign dignitaries for the gift exchange.

Action Items and Information Reports:

Board members stated they would have a brainstorming meeting to come up with ideas for IAB priorities and activities.

Future Guest Speakers: Donovan will contact the San Diego Consular Corps.

Adjournment: Donovan Geiger adjourned the meeting at 12:11 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 19, 2013

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

March 26, 2013

TO: Mayor Bob Filner

FROM: City of San Diego International Affairs Board

RE: Board Goals and Budget for FY 2014

On behalf of the members of the Board, we sincerely appreciate your attending our Board meeting on February 19, 2013, and for sharing with us your vision for international affairs for our city and region. We enjoyed the exchange and left energized with the many possibilities presented.

As discussed in the meeting, you requested a proposal of goals and budget to implement them for the International Affairs Board for FY 2014. Members of the Board prepared recommendations based on your input and what we feel can be accomplished.

In keeping within the IAB's duties as an advisory board we will diligently execute our mission:

- To foster and promote friendly relations and better understanding between peoples and communities of the United States of America and the peoples and community of foreign nations;
- further economic cooperation and cultural interchange;
- develop, compile and exchange information;
- plan, develop and carry out mutual economic and cultural activities;
- the Board shall render an annual report of its work to the Mayor.

We respectfully submit the following for your review and consideration in support of our mission:

1. Recommendation: Develop a Global Communication Center

San Diego is widely recognized as a high-tech international city. By creating an interactive space utilizing cutting-edge communication technology, the Global Communication Center could offer services in a wide variety of languages, global video-conferencing, and a unique atmosphere to present San Diego as a truly international city. This center would also act as an innovative learning tool for academic, community, and professional organizations with the objective to build critical communication skills, social bonds, and global awareness amongst our citizens.

Adrienne Turner, City staff liaison to the IAB and Foreign Trade Zone Administrator with the Development Service Department, Economic Development and Project Management Division, has created a presentation that gives an overview of this project which encompasses cultural, educational, and business alliances that can be incorporated into the offerings of the center (see attachment). Cost to build and install the center could be off-set by volunteers, university student engagement from engineering design to implementation, and in-kind donations. (Suggestion: To be housed in the expanded Convention Center, lobby of City Hall, San Diego State University, or another easily accessible venue.)

2. Recommendation: Develop relations with the San Diego Consular Corps

- a. Attend meetings and events to foster closer diplomatic, cultural, and economic relations and opportunities between the City and consular officials.
- b. Facilitate the implementation of goals and objectives directly with consular officials for the San Diego region, reporting back to the Mayor as necessary.

3. **Recommendation:** Repair and renovate the International Cottages in Balboa Park in preparation for the Balboa Park 2015 Centennial Celebration.
 - a. Contact each of the 32 cultural groups that operate a city-owned cottage, requesting a list of physical repairs/needs and submit to the Mayor's Office for consideration.
 - b. Assist in the coordination of "renovation days" for volunteers to perform approved cosmetic work to off-set budgetary restraints.

4. **Recommendation:** Members of the IAB attend a diverse range of international business and cultural community meetings and events on behalf of the City.
 - a. The Mayor may provide the IAB with a general message or tailored specific messages to be deliver to various groups and events on the Mayor's behalf.
 - b. The IAB shall investigate and report on the needs of our international community in order to facilitate a stronger working coalition with the City.
 - c. Foster relations between the cities of San Diego and Tijuana in support of bi-national regional issues in open forums, cultural events, tours, and other programs.
 - d. City may provide, and/or arrange for bus transportation to/from events across the border and other costs associated with meeting, event planning, and execution.

Proposed Operating Budget of the International Affairs Board for FY 2014:

Time:	Description of Expense:	Amount:
FY 2014	IAB attendance at meetings and events with international organizations. <i>(Average \$50 per Board Member to attend six (6) meetings and/or events annually)</i>	\$3,300
FY 2014	Business Cards (\$20 per Board Member)	\$220
FY 2014	Name Tags (\$5 per Board Member)	\$55
Operating Total:		\$3,575

Proposed Project Budget of the International Affairs Board:

Time:	Description of Expense:	Amount:
Multi-Year Project	Development of a Global Communication Center. Design, equipment, installation, and marketing materials.	\$25,000 (initial development)
Multi-Year project	Improve bi-national relationship with Mexico. Bus tours, events/meetings, and collaboration with Tijuana Innovadora Conference.	\$10,000
Projects Total:		\$35,000



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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BOARD

Meeting Minutes:

June 18, 2013

Economic Development

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

Present:

Emiliano Aragon
Gloria Cazares
Deborah Flores
Donovan Geiger

Present:

Bob Morris
Alfonso Hernandez
Pamela Thorsch

Excused:

Patricia Reeve

Guests:

Suzie Ditmars

City Economic Development Staff: Adrienne Turner, Lydia Moreno

Mayoral Staff: Jessica Gomez

Call to Order: Chair, Donovan Geiger @ 9:04 a.m.

Introduction of Invited Guest: Jill Secard, Executive Director, San Diego Diplomacy Council

Approval of Minutes – The May 1, 2013 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Guest Speaker: The planned speaker, Eric Nowacki, Consul of Sweden and President of the San Diego Consular Corps, had a last minute conflict and did not attend the meeting.

Action Items and Information Reports:

- a. Implementation of "Request to Speak" forms to assist with compliance of the Brown Act:
Approved unanimously.
- b. Link the San Diego Participant Observer's international calendar to the IAB website:
Approved unanimously.
- c. Compile list of nations for bi-weekly spotlight during 2015 Centennial: Approved unanimously.
- d. Reduce meeting frequency to bi-monthly, change of meeting day to Friday, and designating August and December as permanent "dark months" with no scheduled meetings:
Board members discussed the need to have meetings on a monthly basis to enable board approval on a timely basis of new action items. The action item was changed to monthly meetings, designating August and December as permanent "dark months" and change of meeting day to Friday at 9:00 am.:
Approved unanimously.
- e. Approval of future guest speakers:
Tom Johnson O'Neil, Executive Director of The Worldview Project and the S.D. Participant Observer: July 19 meeting
Jill Secard, Executive Director, San Diego Diplomacy Council: September 20 meeting
Representative from the San Diego Consular Corps: October 18 meeting.
Approved unanimously.

Discussion Items:

Creating a venue and/or meetings to bring international organizations in San Diego together: Board members discussed holding quarterly meetings to bring various cultural groups together for panel discussions on diverse topics. Pamela Thorsch asked for volunteers for a committee to formulate a plan for organizing such events. Gloria Cazares, Deborah Flores, Bob Morris and Alfonso Hernandez responded.

Pamela Thorsch had prepared a List of Countries Represented in San Diego and their Affiliations. Also, in response to the Mayors idea for featuring a different country and its culture on a bi-weekly basis throughout the 2015 Centennial year, Donovan Geiger had prepared a list: 2015 Balboa Park Centennial Celebration Bi-weekly International Focus. Both lists were distributed to the board for comments and suggestions.

Guest Speaker:

Mayor Bob Filner (arrived at approx. 10:00) to discuss the proposal submitted by the IAB. He reviewed both Pamela's and Donovan's lists and thanked them for their valuable work. The Mayor stated the Balboa Park Centennial Committee was holding a roll-out meeting at 3:00 p.m. that afternoon. Autonomy, the consultant firm hired to coordinate the centennial events, would be giving a presentation and the Mayor felt the two lists would be very helpful to the consultants. He suggested that board members attend the meeting and connect with the consultants.

Pamela Thorsch briefed the Mayor on the board's previous meeting with County Supervisor Ron Roberts. The suggestion of having a county representative as an Ad Hoc member of the IAB was presented and the Mayor responded that he would first want to review the idea further.

The Mayor also discussed his plan for creating an incubator space to be used for creative and imaginative ideas. He said he was working with Teddy Cruz, an architect with goals of using vacant urban spaces for public good. He felt the Global Communications center listed in the proposal submitted by the IAB would be something the board should discuss with Teddy Cruz. Pamela Thorsch committed to setting up a meeting.

The IAB proposal included addressing the issues related to the deferred maintenance and of the international cottages in Balboa Park. Donovan identified a few of the needed repairs stating there was a lot of deferred maintenance and how challenging it was for the cottages to get any work done. Mayor Filner stated that he was aware of some of the issues and directed the IAB to take the initiative and determine the scope of the work and to assist them as possible.

Board members offered various suggestions for the 2015 Centennial including enlisting business and political leaders both domestic and foreign and other stakeholders and organizations for special events, plus showcasing the communities in San Diego.

Adjournment: Donovan Geiger adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Next Meeting: July 19, 2013

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

International Affairs Board - List of Countries Represented in San Diego & Affiliations

Country	Consular Corps	Consular Corps - Tijuana	Int'l Houses	IRC	Sister Cities
Afghanistan (Jalabad) 2004				X	X
Argentina			X		
Austria - TJ		X	X		
Australia (Perth 1986)					X
Bahrain	X				
Belgium	X				
Brazil (Campinas 1995)	X				X
Burma				X	
Burundi				X	
Canada		X			
Chile	X				
China (Yantai 1985)		X	X		X
Colombia			X		
Congo, DR				X	
Czech & Slovak Republics		X	X		
Denmark	X	X	X		
El Salvador	X				
England			X		
Ethiopia				X	
Finland	X	X	X		
France	X	X	X		
Ghana (Tema 1976)					X
Germany	X	X	X		
Guatemala	X	X			
Haiti				X	
Honduras	X	X			
Hungary			X		
Iceland	X				
India			X		
Iran			X	X	
Iraq				X	
Ireland			X		
Israel		X	X		
Italy	X	X	X		
Japan (Yokohama 1957)	X				X
Kenya				X	
Lebanon			X		
Liberia				X	
Lithuania			X		

Country	Consular Corps	Consular Corps - Tijuana	Int'l Houses	IRC	Sister Cities
Macedonia	x				
Madagascar	x				
Mexico (Leon 1969 & Tijuana 1993)	x		x	x	x
New Zealand	x				
Norway	x	x	x		
Palau	x				
Palestine			x	x	
Panama			x		
Papua New Guinea	x				
Peru			x		
Philippine Islands (Cavite City 1969)			x		x
Poland (Warsaw 1996)		x	x		x
Puerto Rico			x		
Russia (Vladivostok 1991)					x
Scotland (Edinburgh 1977)			x		x
Senegal				x	
Somalia				x	
South Korea (Jeonju 1982)		x			x
Spain (Alcala de Henares) 1982	x	x	x		
Sudan				x	
Sweden	x	x	x		
Taiwan (Taichung City 1983)					x
Turkey			x		
Uganda				x	
Ukraine		x	x		
United Kingdom	x				
United Nations			x		
Uzbekistan				x	

2015 Balboa Park Centennial Celebration Bi-weekly International Focus

#	Weeks	Country	Special Events (Estimated)
1	Jan 1 & 4	Russia (Vladivostok - Sister City)	Early Jan: Noviy God (New Year) and Svyatki (Fortune telling)
2	Jan 11 & 18	Ghana (Tema - Sister City)	Late Jan: Multicultural Festival
3	Jan 25 & Feb 1	China/Taiwan (Yantai/Taichung - Sister Cities)	Early Feb: Chinese New Year Celebration
4	Feb 8 & 15	Brazil (Campinas - Sister City)	Mid Feb: Carnivale
5	Feb 22 & Mar 1	Japan (Yokohama - Sister City)	Early Mar: Cherry Blossom Festival (Japanese Friendship Garden)
6	Mar 8 & 15	Ireland	Mar 17: St. Patrick's Day Parade
7	Mar 22 & 29	Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan (Jalalabad - Sister City)	Late Mar: Nowruz (Persian/Iraqi/Afghan New Year)
8	Apr 5 & 12	Thailand	Apr 13: Songkran Festival (Thai New Year)
9	Apr 19 & 26	Israel	Late Apr: San Diego Yom Ha'atzmaut Festival and Jewish Food Festival
10	May 3 & 10	South Korea (Jeonju - Sister City)	Early May: Asian Cultural Festival
11	May 17 & 24	Italy	Late May: Sicilian Festival (largest in America), San Gennaro Feast
12	May 31 & Jun 7	Greece	Early June: St. Spydon Greek Festival
13	Jun 14 & 21	Scotland (Edinburgh - Sister City)	Late June: San Diego Scottish Highland Games and Gathering of the Clans
14	Jun 28 & Jul 5	Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark	Late June: Scandiavian Midsummer Celebration
15	Jul 12 & 19	France	Jul 14: Bastille Day Celebration
16	Jul 26 & Aug 2	Philippines	Early Aug: Balboa Park Philippine Cultural Festival
17	Aug 9 & 16	Panama	Aug 15: Opening of Panama Canal
18	Aug 23 & 30	Peru, Colombia	Late August: Peruvian and Colombian Salsa Festival
19	Sep 6 & 13	Native Tribes of San Diego	Balboa Park Cultural Days (Native American)
20	Sep 20 & 27	Spain (Alcalá de Henares - Sister City)	Late Sept: Cabrillo Festival
21	Oct 4 & 11	Germany	Early Oct: Oktoberfest
22	Oct 18 & 25	Poland (Warsaw - Sister City)	Mid Oct: San Diego Polish Festival
23	Nov 1 & 8	England	Early Nov: Lord Mayor's Show, Opening of Parliament
24	Nov 15 & 22	India	Nov 11: Diwali Festival of Lights
25	Nov 29 & Dec 6	Australia (Perth - Sister City)	Dec 1: First Day of Summer in Australia
26	Dec 13 & 20-31	United Nations	All Nations Celebration (December Nights?)