



International Affairs Board

Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Time: 6:00-7:30pm

Place: City Council Committee Room, 12th Floor-202 C St. San Diego 92101

Board Members Present:

Bruce M. Abrams
Fabienne Perlov
Jordan Marks
Oscar Urteaga
Kenia Zamarripa

Hilda Mwangi
Caroleen Williams
Mary Abad
Bob Morris

Board Members Absent:

Mark Leo, Chandler Martin, Melissa Floca, Valerie Attisha

Welcome/Introduction of Members

Bruce M. Abrams, IAB Chairman

Non-Agenda Public Comment

No public comment

Public Official/Mayor's Comment/Consular Corps Comment:

The British Trade Office informed the IAB the Red Angels will be participating at the Miramar Air Show for the very first time .

Motion

Bruce M. Abrams, IAB Chairman,

- Motion to approve minutes from last meeting by Caroleen Williams:
Approved.

Introduction of Speaker

Kenia Zamarripa, IAB Member

Speaker 1: Imperial Beach Councilmember Paloma Aguirre,

- Councilmember Aguirre introduced the Imperial Beach water pollution as well as the Tijuana-San Diego shared pollution problems and the Tijuana Estuary.

- She explained the Wild Coast and their marine protection program along the San Diego and Mexico coast. She stated Tijuana doesn't have the infrastructure to support the population or a formal recycling program.
- Councilmember Aguirre explained there are several problems with San Diego's shipment of tires to Tijuana and as they are not recycled and pollute beaches, water, and green spaces.
- Although Tijuana just banned plastic bags there is a long way to go as far as banning trash which pollutes the San Diego-Tijuana border and marine region.
- Hilda Mwangi, IAB Board Member, asked if these problems have been brought to the attention of private companies to solve these problems. She suggested compiling all the money together to create Grants and incentives for companies like Maritime Alliance and AquaCELL, companies in the private sector, who are currently working in these problems.
- Oscar Urteaga, IAB Board Member, asked if there were any parallels in other parts of the world that we could base our solutions off of. Councilmember Aguirre said that we have a unique shared water space but that she will take these suggestions into consideration.

Introduction of Speaker

Bob Morris, IAB Member

Speaker 2: Matthew Miller

Matt Miller works as a Private Sector Program Manager at the San Diego Law Enforcement Coordination Center and he is a former IAB Member.

- Matt Miller delivered a report trip on the Strong City State Department Trip to Germany to visit and exchange information with their German enforcement counterparts who already visited San Diego.
- In 5 days they went to Cologne, Bonn and Dusseldorf and met with the Cologne Terror Campaign, Office for the Protection of the Constitution, El De House, Returning Foreign Fighters, and visited the North Rhine-Westphalia Terrorism court, as well as the Germany Ministry of the Interior, the German Federal Government, refugee groups and nonprofits.
- Fabienne Perlov, IAB Board Member, asked if there were any areas to collaborate or partner to fight Neo-Nazi movements in the U.S.? He responded by saying the U.S. is more prepared but has less oversight because the German Government investigates people based on their beliefs, so they have more oversight for terrorist groups and individuals.

Bruce Abrams, IAB Chairman's Report:

1. IAB was the only City of San Diego entity which participated in the ADL Walk Against Hate and the event raised over USD \$115,000. The money will be allocated to the No Place for Hate Initiative, a San Diego school program that teaches children acceptance, anti-bullying and anti-hate.

2. Joel Day, Director of Boards and Commissions would like the IAB to organize a reception in August 2019 along with the San Diego Arts Commission
3. House of Peru fundraising event for their new house in Balbo Park will be on August 10, 2019.
4. San Diego Diplomacy Council is having a three-day conference celebrating the Council's 40th Anniversary and diplomacy in Baja Region.
5. There are three vacancies and to fill them please have the nominee fill out the application online

Jordan Marks, IAB Board Member,

Suggested we ask Mayor Faulconer and San Diego City Council President Gomez to support returning the Pandas to the San Diego Zoo.

Subcommittee Reports

Hilda Mwangi, IAB Committee Chairwoman, ECODEF,

Reported the committee discussed how to provide value in 2019 and what projects to take on. They decided on providing an information session for nonprofits

ADJOURNMENT:

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