



July 8, 2020 | 5:30-7:00PM

Online Meeting

Agenda

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- I. Call to Order | Welcome
- II. Non-Agenda Public Comment
- III. Mayoral Update | Rita Fernandez, Immigrant Affairs Manager | Office of Mayor Kevin Faulconer
- IV. Honorary Consular Update | David Pasquini, Consul | Government and Business Affairs - UK Government Office
- V. Approval of June 10, 2020 International Affairs Board Minutes
- VI. Presentation by the World Trade Center | Lucas Coleman, Manager
- VII. International Affairs Board's City of San Diego Global Vision Plan Update | Daniel Suh
- VIII. Benchmark Study and Shareholders Matrix
- IX. Ad Hoc Committee updates and International Affairs Board involvement in community events
- X. Chairs Report
- XI. Adjourn

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, June 10, 2020

TIME: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

LOCATION: Microsoft Teams Online Meeting

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I. Call to Order | Welcome

- Roll Call:
 - Mr. Bruce Abrams, Board Chair – Present
 - Ms. Mary Abad, Board Member – Present
 - Ms. Valerie Attisha, Board Member – Present
 - Ms. Leslie Bassett, Board Member – Present
 - Mr. Kevin Cruz, Board Member – Present
 - Ms. Melissa Floca, Board Member – Present
 - Mr. Andre Kwan, Board Member – Present
 - Mr. Mark Leo, Board Member – Present
 - Mr. Jordan Marks, Board Member – Present
 - Ms. Chandler Martin, Board Member – Present
 - Mr. Bob Morris, Board Member – Present
 - Ms. Hilda Mwangi, Board Member – Present
 - Ms. Fabienne Perlov, Board Member – Present
 - Mr. Daniel Suh, Board Member – Present
 - Mr. Oscar Urteaga, Board Member – Absent
 - Ms. Caroleen Williams, Board Member – Present
 - Ms. Kenia Zamarripa, Board Member – Absent

II. Non-Agenda Public Comment

- None

III. Approval of March 11, 2020 Minutes

- Ms. Caroleen Williams motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Jordan Marks, provided a second to that motion. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously approved by those present.

IV. Donation of PPEs from the City of Huzhou, Peoples Republic of China

- The City of Huzhou, People Republic of China, donated 350 hazmat uniforms and approximately 1,000 N95 masks. Unfortunately, delivery has been delayed. Once the City of San Diego takes receipt of this personal protective equipment (PPE), the International Affairs Board will formally recognize the donation.
- The International Affairs Board extends its appreciation to Ms. Denice Garcia, Director of International Affairs for Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer, who assisted in the gift from the City of Huzhou

V. IAB Covid-19 Survey Results and 10 Minute Discussion

- Ms. Hilda Mwangi presented the findings from a survey distributed to board members prior to the meeting, and allowed for board members comments on each topic:

What is most concerning to you at this time?

- It has been exceedingly difficult as a small business.
- The banking industry has shown that there is confusion around the CARES Act. Some San Diegans are not sure if they qualify to apply for federal relief, especially if they have been impacted but their business has been forced to cease operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

What gives you hope about all of this; what are you hopeful about?

- No board member comment or discussion

What gaps are you seeing in our communities and leadership in addressing the reopening of our City?

- Congratulation of Mayor Faulconer and the City Staff for bringing a diverse group of community leaders together to create a plan for reopening the city. The City may have been able to do more with San Diego's immigrant and refugee communities.

What should the IAB be doing/be focusing on at this time given our present restrictions and limitations?

- There are two different stories about how the cities of San Diego and Tijuana are treating COVID-19 cases. Recommended that the International Affairs Board solicit Ms. Denice Garcia's perspective on where help may be needed by the City of Tijuana.
- How difficult it would be to align the International Affairs Board with different community activities in order to add the board's support, particularly with respect to marching for equal rights or maintaining support for border activity at a time when that support is eroding. Highlighting an opportunity for each board member to take part in 2 to 3 activities within the community to show that the International Affairs Board is visible and engaged.
- We are lacking voices from the refugee and immigrant communities and asked if we could invite police officers who work in these communities to come and address the board on how we might best support. Recommendation of the International Affairs Board solicit Dr. Joel Day's feedback on the idea given his work with Welcoming San Diego and police oversight.
- The International Affairs Board provide formal support to other organizations within the community so that they benefit from the City of San Diego's credibility. There has been extraordinarily little engagement by the City in that way in recent weeks.
- June 20 will be World Refugee Day and that there may be an opportunity for the International Affairs Board to support an event planned by Catholic Charities in San Diego.
- Our focus should be on amplifying the great work that community organizations are doing with respect to top issues. The International

Affairs Board could also look at global best practices that may guide municipal property, for example, with policing practices.

- The city staff, city attorney’s office, and the executive committee to take an action to document the process for formalizing International Affairs Board partnership with, and/or endorsement of, community events and organizations on behalf of the City of San Diego.
- Board members should be proactively identifying individuals in the community that can add to an internationally focused conversation.
- Chairman Abrams recommended that all board members with ideas submit their proposals to the International Affairs Board Executive Committee within three (3) days of the June IAB meeting for consideration.
- Recommendation that the board recall Dr. Joel Day’s call to “see around corners” for the City of San Diego and take a more active role in advising the Mayor and the City Council.

VI. Update on IAB Work Product | The City of San Diego 10 Year Global Vision

- Mr. Daniel Suh provided an update on the progress of Booz Allen Hamilton volunteers and UCSD Design Lab in their efforts to support the International Affairs Board’s 10 year global vision:

Booz Allen Hamilton Volunteers

- Since March, Booz Allen Hamilton volunteers have been conducting its baseline study to assess San Diego and how it compares to other global cities. Over 100 hours has been put into the project by Booz Allen Hamilton volunteers. In June, the team will move on to creating a stakeholder matrix that will help the International Affairs Board evaluate what other voices need to be included in the conversation. This will ensure that bias in the research is uncovered and addressed.

UCSD DesignLab

- 10 researchers have now expressed interest in helping the International Affairs Board. The DesignLab is looking for a time to connect all members of the International Affairs Board to better understand the nature of the problem they are being asked to help solve. Mr. Suh took the action to reach out to DesignLab to coordinate the logistics of a meeting.
- Recommended that we continue to look for international voices in the community that we could amplify at this time.
- the outcome of the proposal to adopt the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals into the International Affairs Board’s global vision strategy. Mr. Morris also highlighted his experience as a frequent border crosser with the inefficiencies and adverse impacts associated with Customs and Border Protection (CBP) lane closures during COVID-19. Specifically, Mr. Morris has had to wait in excess of three (3) hours on some occasions. Based on his experience, the International Affairs Board make the executive branch of the federal government aware of how CBP lane closures impact our community, and invite a CBP official to address the board at a future meeting.
- Recommended for the International Affairs Board reach out to the Smart Border Coalition as a resource for addressing border concerns prior to engaging with the Mayor and the City Council.

- Requested that the city staff provide more information about what the Mayor and the City council might value in terms of international speakers or best practices given the current challenges of COVID-19 and policing.

Adjournment

- Ms. Hilda Mwangi's closing comment was to encourage board members to find ways to connect and to send ideas to the executive committee for consideration. Ms. Mwangi encouraged everyone to think of ways to be agile so that we can continue our work.
- Chair Abrams adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, July 8, 2020 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

at the City Administration Building (12th Floor)

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International Affairs Board

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Information | Resources

From BBC UK:

How the Dutch Are Reshaping Their Post-Pandemic Utopia

Today's global economy has long been in need of a shakeup. Now an emerging economic model is trying to shift our focus from constant growth to balance and wellbeing. Could the Doughnut model become the compass we need for creating a safe and just 21st century?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/reel/video/p08hppxt/how-the-dutch-are-reshaping-their-post-pandemic-utopia>

From The New York Times:

A Reckoning with Race to Ensure Diversity for America's Face Abroad

The national conversation about discrimination is overdue at the State Department, according to those who have been disparaged in a culture that favors "pale, male and Yale" diplomats.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/27/us/politics/a-reckoning-with-race-to-ensure-diversity-for-americas-face-abroad.html?smid=em-share>