



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
**INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BOARD**

**Meeting Minutes:**

April 19, 2011

**Economic Growth Services**

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San Diego, CA 92101

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**Present:**

Cath DeStefano  
Gloria Cazares  
Jaalin Cheng  
Donovan Geiger  
Patricia Reeve  
Pamela Thorsch

**Excused:**

Deborah Flores  
Elizabeth Robles  
Fred Raafat

**Unexcused:**

Daniel Abbott  
Walter Lam  
Ileana Ovalle  
Jason Wells

**Guests:**

David Edick  
Doug Rider

**City Staff:**

Adrienne Turner

**Call to Order:** Cath DeStefano @ 9:07 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the March 15, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

**Guest Speaker:** Sally Wong-Avery, Chinese Service Center / Chinese School of San Diego  
Sally described her involvement with the Chinese Community from the 1970's to the present time. Many valuable services are available through the Chinese Service Center: Community support of many community organizations and associations; involvement in health services and Chinese cultural events; education and referrals; as well as hosting and participating in cultural conferences. She described how the various services have helped assimilate the Chinese community into meeting the expectations of western culture.

With no time left for a question and answer period, Jaalin suggested board members could forward their questions to him and he would put them together with all his questions and send them on to Sally.

**Introduction:** Denice Garcia, Director of Boards and Commissions. Denice introduced herself and told the board she was working on the vacancies for all the various boards and commissions as well as revising the bylaws.

**Committee Reports:**

- a. **Board Development:** The board briefly discussed the need to submit names of potential candidates to replace board members with expiring terms.

- b. **Board Involvement:** Board members agreed to reach out to ethnic chambers of commerce to help establish connections with community business leaders.
- c. **International Breakfast** – The checklist was reviewed. Donovan confirmed he had booked the SDSU-Alumni Center for Wednesday, October 19, 2011 and that parking was included in the adjacent parking structure on the first level. It was decided that the SDSU caterer’s “Morning Fiesta” breakfast would be the best selection. The naming of the new SDSU President and Dean of the College of Business was still expected in May. IAB will wait for the results to pursue a Guest Speaker. Reaching out to international business leaders and expanding the mailing list were also discussed. All new names and contact information should be sent to Adrienne to add to the list.

**Chairs Report:** None

**Announcements:** Cath DeStefano announced that Donovan Geiger had been named as the new Chair effective immediately.

**Adjournment:** Donovan Geiger adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** May 17, 2011

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

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