



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BOARD

Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2014

Economic Development

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

Present:

Bruce Abrams
Roberto Alcantar
Deborah Flores
John Galt

Present:

Mark Leo
Rita Lim
Rebecca Morales
Patricia Waller

Excused:

Emiliano Aragon

Guests:

Anna Nilsson
David Edick, Jr.

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:** September 18, 2014 minutes were approved

**Guest Speakers:**

Peter Meisen, founder of GENI and the World Resources SimCenter, and co-founder of Global San Diego, spoke on linking up renewable energy across the planet and ensuring clean energy for all. He discussed renewable energy reports and gave a presentation on Global San Diego.

Kathrin S. Mautino, Hon. Consul, Republic of Finland

Spoke about the Consular Corps, how to get involved and asked IAB to help promote the Corps.

**Action Items:**

- a. Heikki Gronlund, First Vice President, House of Pacific Relations, read a letter asking for IAB support. IAB motion to write a letter of support for building 5 duplexes (10 new international cottages) in Balboa Park. Rebecca motioned, seconded by John Galt: approved unanimously. Deborah and Bruce to draft letter of support.
- b. Innovation Challenge proposal to IAB created by Rebecca Morales. Discussion to connect with the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership for collaboration. Rebecca stated she had been in contact with Michael Ruiz, executive director for the Balboa Park centennial. Don Giaquinto stated the mayor's office was in support of the IAB pursuing the proposal. Rita suggested contacting the Changemakers Hub at University of San Diego for collaboration. The innovation centers at UCSD and SDSU, plus CONNECT were also mentioned. Bruce motioned to approve project, John Galt seconded. Roberto, Mark and Rebecca will lead sub-committee.

**Action Items continued:**

- c. Approval of Intern Application drafted by Patricia Waller: Board members to edit draft before finalizing program. Patricia and Roberto to work together on a final draft of the application.

**Discussion Items:**

- The Tijuana Innovadora (TI) was mentioned. The TI website has extensive information on the event.
- Don reported on visits to possible IAB meeting locations: terrace area meeting rooms in City Concourse and rooms in the City Administration building. He suggested a tour of the locations after the meeting.
- Don Giaquinto recommended the IAB contact Sean Barr of the San Diego Regional EDC for a possible speaker on economic development issues.

**Report of member activities:**

**Announcements:** Adrienne will be able to get nametags and labels for IAB members by the next meeting

**Adjournment:** Bruce Abrams adjourned the meeting at 3:24 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** November 13, 2014

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