



International Affairs Board

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, September 13, 2017

TIME: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: :

Bruce Abrams, Chair

Kathleen Charla, Vice Chair

Jordan Marks

George Novinger

Mary Abad

Caroleen Williams

Bob Morris

Matthew Miller

Deborah Flores

EXCUSED BOARD MEMBERS:

Oscar Urteaga

Mark Leo

STAFF PRESENT:

Joel Day, Executive Director

Sonja Mack, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM: August Minutes were postponed until the following meeting.

NON –AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

PUBLIC OFFICIAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Speaker: Gloria Cardenas

Representative for Councilmember Gomez from District 9

A) Gloria Cardenas discussed the resolution that would be introduced to council on September 19th at the 2 p.m. session. The resolution is on the opposition to President Trump's executive order to build a wall between the U.S./Mexican Border and the Border Funding Act of 2017, which would

impose a fee on remittances to funds sent from the U.S. to foreign countries in order to generate funds for the wall.

Featured Guest:

Speaker: Rear Admiral Yancy B. Lindsay

Introduced by Board member Morris

- A) Admiral Lindsay began by commenting on significant events in both the Nations and Naval History. He also mentioned that the Navy is always actively doing something such as being overseas to serve alliance of communication and making sure the free flow of goods to and from various nations are secured.
- B) Admiral Lindsay presented on the challenges that San Diego will face with 15 to 20 more ships moving to the area along with 15 thousand sailors from now to 2025. He also mentioned some of the new platforms coming out in California.
- C) He stated that the previous administration was focused on energy, security and resilience, which is something the Navy will continue to maintain focus on.
- D) Admiral Lindsay also commented on inter-governable support and grievance. He mentioned that there are not enough resources in the budget to get after all the challenges faced, from a facility standpoint.

INFORMATION AGENDA:

- 1. Introduction to Global Partner Idea: Vice Chair Charla/ ED Day
 - Vice Chair Charla discussed Global Partner idea which would be a replacement for the current Friendship City Program. The change would be undertaken to make the program more focused, contemporary substantive and include the word global, which is part of San Diego's global identity. The changed name would also eliminate any confusion between Sister Cities and Friendship Cities programs.
 - The main idea for the partnership is to increase engagements with international cities that share strategic commonalities with San Diego.
- 2. Gateways for Growth Grant Update: Immigrant Integration in the Economy
 - Executive Director Joel Day discussed the competitive grant application process that the City of San Diego recently won.
 - The board will be working along with San Diego's Regional Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Cooperation and various advocacy groups.
 - The goal is to help new San Diegan's, immigrants or refugees, to integrate into San Diego's innovation economy as well as finding specific pathways and suggestions that can be implemented to make the city a more welcoming place.

3. November 30th Consul Event
 - The consul general reception will become an annual event.
 - This year it will include various council generals.
 - It will again be hosted at Chair Bruce Abrams home.
4. Date/Time of Meeting Discussion

ACTION ITEMS:

- A) **A motion was made by Morris to support Councilmember Gomez's Resolution on the Border Wall before the City Council. Seconded by Abad. Motion passes with 7 in favor and 1 opposed.**

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A)
 1. IAB Member George Novinger provided an update on Public Policy
 2. IAB Member Kathleen Charla provided a report on outreach services conducted.

CHAIR'S REPORT: Bruce Abrams

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Joel Day

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADOURNMENT: 7:32 pm