

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, August 11, 2021

TIME: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

LOCATION: Virtual Zoom Webinar

I. Call to Order | Welcome

- **Roll Call:**

Board

Ms. Mary Abad	–	Absent
Ms. Melissa Floca	–	Present
Mr. Andre Kwan	–	Present
Mr. Mark Leo	–	Present
Ms. Chandler Martin	–	Present
Ms. Hilda Mwangi	–	Present
Ms. Caroleen Williams	–	Present
Ms. Kenia Zamarripa	–	Present
Ms. Victoria Philips	–	Present
Mr. Brian D’Amico	–	Present
Mr. William Roberston-Geibel	–	Present
Mr. Nathan Williams	–	Present
Mr. Dennis-Michael Broussard	–	Present
Mr. Gustavo De La Fuente	–	Present
Mr. Richard Bainter	–	Present
Ms. Karen Higareda	–	Absent

City Staff

Rita Fernandez, Executive Director	–	Present
Sarah Moga-Aleman, Binational Affairs	–	Present

II. Swearing in of New Members

- a. Hilda Mwangi – Sworn in by Alex Flores

III. Non-Agenda Public Comment

- a. No public comments submitted

IV. Approval of July 14, 2021, Minutes

- a. **Motion to correct proposed by Richard Bainter**
 - i. Section VI: Richard Bainter rescinded his nomination in order to support Victoria Philips.
- b. **Motion to Approve with Correction**

- i. Proposed by Richard Bainter seconded by Kenia Zamarripa
 1. Hilda Mwangi: Abstained
 2. All others present voted in favor

V. Election of IAB Co-Chair

a. Dennis-Michael Broussard nominated himself

Votes for: Mark Leo, Caroleen Williams

b. Kenia Zamarripa nominated herself

Votes for: Melisa Floca, Chandler Martin, Hilda Mwangi, Brian D’Amico, Bill Robertson-Geibel, Nathan Luke Williams, Gustavo De La Fuente, Richard Bainter, Dennis-Michael Broussard

VI. Deciding to continue meetings in person or virtually. All boards and commissions have permission to meet in person at this time.

- a. This must be done as a vote by each individual board and decided for themselves.
- b. This would be a decision that could be changed if brought as an agenda item again.
- c. Several members stated their desire to vote on this decision at a later date.
- d. Questions**
 - i. Hilda Mwangi – What would be the objective criteria for the board to decide to return to in person?
 - ii. Richard Bainter – Is it possible to have a hybrid option?
 - iii. Kenia Zamarripa – Can they have the board meet in person and the public attend virtually or would they have to meet in person?
- e. Current City Guidance**
 - i. The current city guidance is for each board to decide for themselves, but they have the option to meet in person.
- f. Motion for the next meeting to be virtual and for a vote to be taken at the next meeting deciding if they will continue to be virtual or in person.**
 - i. Proposed by Richard Bainter; Seconded by Caroleen Williams
 - ii. Unanimous approval by the board

VII. Updates from the Mayor’s Office

a. Rita Fernandez, Director of Global Affairs

- i. There were several successful Consul General Visits with the mayor including by Peru and France.
- ii. The mayor attended the 7th Annual Border conference hosted by the Mexico Institute and Border Alliance to promote the opening of the border and discuss the closure’s impact on San Diego’s economy.

b. Sarah Moga-Aleman, Binational Affairs Manager

- i. The mayor has an upcoming CNN interview on why he wants to lift border restrictions
- ii. The Vice President has promised 8.5 million more vaccines to Mexico
- iii. The mayor will be attending the anniversary at Friendship Park
 1. Unfortunately, they are not doing visiting hours on the weekends like they did in the past.

VIII. Presentation: “Our Climate, Our Future – Climate Action Plan Update”

a. Ashley Rosia-Tremonti, Climate Action Plan Program Manager

i. City of San Diego Climate Action Plan

1. Adopted in Dec 2015
2. Commits the City to 50% of its 2010 GHG emission by 2035
3. Five Strategies:
 - a. Energy and water efficiency
 - b. Clean and renewable energy
 - c. Mobility
 - d. Zero Waste
 - e. Climate Resiliency
4. Annual Report: <https://www.sandiego.gov/2020cap>
5. Jobs: Jobs in the five strategies increased by 20% in San Diego from 2010 to 2019
6. Currently updating the City Climate Action Plan
 - a. Working toward the second public comment/outreach and will have a draft in a few months
 - b. The goal is to set more ambitious greenhouse gas reduction goals over a longer time horizon, center climate equity*, and quantify and connect additional benefits of climate actions.
 - c. Reaching 100% Zero-Carbon by 2045 Executive Order B-55-18 is the state goal and this update should help realign the Climate Action Plan with those goals.
7. *Centering Climate Equity is mapping and addressing the accessibility and burdens of climate solutions on various census tracts. This is to help correct and address historical inequities.
8. Climate Action is about more than GHG emissions
 - a. Improved air quality, active/healthy lifestyles, safe routes for walking and bicycling, cost savings on energy and water, lower transportation costs, workforce development and quality jobs, and the improvement of natural spaces.

IX. Chair’s Report

- a. Retreat will be Virtual on August 31st 10-12 or 12-2

X. Adjourn