



# SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD

## Meeting Minutes

TUESDAY, December 3, 2024

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Location: Civic Center Plaza, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room –  
1200 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, San Diego, CA 92101

**Chair:** Austin Evans | **Vice Chair:** Natasha Salgado

**Board Members:** Ania Kaminska, Austin Evans, Brandon S. Johnson, Donna Deberry, Jason Paguio, Jenna Hanson, Juliet Terramin, Natasha Salgado, Sarah Mattinson, and Sunny Lee.

**Staff Liaisons:** Alex Southard and Sean Karafin.

Item 1: Call to Order (Chair Evans)

- Meeting was called to order at 8:39 AM.

Item 2: Action: Roll Call (Chair Evans)

- In attendance: Ania Kaminska, Austin Evans, Brandon S. Johnson, Donna Deberry, Jenna Hanson, Juliet Terramin, Natasha Salgado, and Sarah Mattinson.
- City Staff: Chief Scott Wahl, Lyndsay Winkley, Elizabeth Studebaker, and Alex Southard.
- Members of the Public: None.

Item 3: Conversation with Chief Scott Wahl, San Diego Police Department

- Chief Wahl discussed various topics impacting small businesses such as safety and response.
- Top priorities include building trust and developing the workforce.
- Internal reorganizing helps with efficiency. Civilian staff who are experts in their field were hired including Lindsey Winkley as the Community Liaison Program Manager.
- Quality of life issues and the sense of feeling safe is also a priority.
- Addressing issues of homelessness through a centralized homelessness response. A progressive approach includes a warning, ticket, misdemeanor, and/or custodial arrest.
- The board asked questions and conversation followed.

- Item 4: Conversation with Community Liaison Manager, Lyndsay Winkley, San Diego Police Department
- Lyndsay Winkley spoke about the work taking place within communities.
  - With over 12 years of experience covering the Police department, Lyndsay focuses highly on engagement and how the public can be involved/aware.
  - Communication upwards and breaking communication barriers is a priority.
- Item 5: Action: Approval of September 24, 2024 Minutes (Chair Evans)
- With a motion by Sarah Mattinson and a second by Natasha Salgado, the Board voted to approve the September 24, 2024 minutes.
    - Yes: Ania Kaminska, Austin Evans, Brandon S. Johnson, Donna Deberry, Jenna Hanson, Juliet Terramin, Natasha Salgado, and Sarah Mattinson.
    - Abstain: Jason Paguio and Sunny Lee.
    - Absent: None.
- Item 6: Discussion: San Ysidro Business Improvement District Advisory Committee (Liaison Southard)
- Alex Southard shared an update on the San Ysidro BID activities.
  - The Advisory Committee had a San Ysidro Community Parking District presentation.
  - Banners were installed within the BID in mid-October.
  - A working group was formed that will focus on the future BID management.
  - The Board voted to appoint Carol Kang to the San Ysidro BID Advisory Committee.
- Item 7: Discussion: Development Services Department Spaces as Places Program
- Many coastal businesses are unsure how to approach the parking replacement requirement.
  - Discussion regarding the current state of the program and how the board can support through an advisory letter.
- Item 8: Action: Draft Advising Letter (Chair Evans)
- None.
- Item 9: Staff Report
- a. Economic Development Department (Liaison Southard)
    - Alex Southard provided an update from the Economic Development Department.
    - The Capacity Building Grant program received almost twice as many applications compared to prior years. The goal is to soon begin contracting with awarded organizations.
    - The Development Services Department provides a Small Business and Restaurant Assistance Program to help qualified small businesses with their planning and permitting needs. [Virtual appointments](#) are available.

- Assembly Bill 413, also known as Daylighting, is a California law that prohibits parking within 20 feet of any crosswalk, marked or unmarked, to improve visibility for drivers and pedestrians. More information visit the City's [website](#).

Item 10: Board Member Comments

- a. Suggested items for future meetings include discussions regarding businesses impacted by construction projects and utility programs for businesses.

Item 11: Non-Agenda Public Comment

Item 12: Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

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