



**San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, February 23, 2015
10:30 – 11:30 A.M. at the San Ysidro Community Service Center**

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Goudeau, Thomas Currie, Sunil Gakhreja, Chris Sanchez, Rudy Lopez, Vanessa Mapula, Louis Escareño

Guests present: none

1. Public comment: Treasurer Goudeau mentioned the discussion that had taken place at the earlier SYBA the opening of illegal marijuana dispensaries on San Ysidro Blvd. She mentioned that she call Carlos Lacarra, Community Liaison Officer (CLO), SDPD and was told the City Attorney is taking care of shutting the shops down. She stated that she didn't understand how police come immediately to site businesses how are not in compliance with sign placement, etc., yet illegal marijuana dispensaries keep operating until the City Attorney does something. Treasurer Goudeau mentioned that in order for the SYBA to take action, the issue must be placed on the agenda. E.D. Wells asked Councilmember Alvarez' representative, Gabriela Dominguez for information, as he finds the continued operation of the illegal dispensaries unbelievable. Ms. Dominguez reported they are aware of the "illegal" dispensaries. The City Attorney's office is gathering evidence of the illegal operation. E.D. Wells asked if it was at questions – whether or not the dispensaries are selling marijuana. Ms. Dominguez replied that it is simply the City Attorney's process. Conversation as to the exact locations of the illegal dispensaries revealed the locations are 366 E San Ysidro Blvd, 161 and 163 W San Ysidro Blvd.
2. Approval of Minutes. Motion made by Director Lopez and seconded by Director Ripa to approve the minutes from January's meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
3. President Goudeau gave the President's report. She gave thanks to staff and supports for "great" gala. She then said we need to promote San Ysidro Smart Border Coalition participation. She mentioned the presentation Miguel Aguirre gave the previous night at SY Planning Group and then earlier in the day at the SYBA. Group commented that they did not understand what his "ask" was, but that he was complaining about the pedestrian route during construction of Phase II. After discussion, the board deduced that what Mr. Aguirre is requesting is a greater number than 6 lanes to remain open at the east side of the pedestrian crossing during Phase II construction. Survey to be sent regarding committee interest from board members.
4. Executive Director Wells gave summary report of Gala event, showing a net of \$. Director Mapula asked about our ability to increase net income for such a large event. A discussion ensued regarding board participation in seeking sponsors outside of the "norm." ED Wells mentioned an idea from Treasurer Gakhreja of creating a Steering Committee – ex-officio, regional

leaders that can help increase participation and network. ED Wells mentioned grand opening for Smart and Final Extra on San Ysidro Blvd.

5. New Business

- Approval of County of San Diego Community Enhancement Grant application for \$45,000 for Independence Day Festival @ the Border. Motion to approve was made by Alfredo Ripa and seconded by Sunil Gakhreja. Motion passed unanimously
- Approval as Thomas Currie to continue as Chamber representative to the San Ysidro Planning Group. Motion to approve was made by Rudy Lopez and seconded by Chris Sanchez. Motion passed unanimously.
- Approval of support to change state and/ or local vehicle and municipal codes to allow motor-assist for pedicabs in San Ysidro. Motion to support chamber efforts for continued pedicab use in San Ysidro and to make needed changes to legislation permitting use of motor-assist on pedicabs. Motion made by Rudy Lopez and seconded by Alfredo Ripa. Motion passed unanimously.

6. New member orientation was tabled due to lack of new member attendance. Discussion was had regarding the Chamber/ BID committee structure, the AMIGOS program, Border Public Art Committee and Chamber Baja Road Trips. Board also reviewed Chamber annual budget.
7. Director Mapula gave a presentation to the Board regarding SDG&E's Power Your Drive. This program would place free electric vehicle charging stations within San Ysidro within major employment sites and multi-family housing. San Ysidro could also qualify as a "disadvantaged community" – making installation free of charge.
8. President Goudeau adjourned the meeting at 12:20pm

****Committee Meetings**

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>CHAIR/ CHAMBER REP</u>
Transportation (BTC) 2 nd Tuesday each month 1030 am	Chair Bates
Smart Border Coalition 2 nd Wednesday, 9:00 am	Coordinator Wells
Education Committee 3 rd Wednesday of the month, 12:00 pm	Chair Nagura
Boulevard Cmte/ SYBA Design Cmte 3 rd Wednesday of the month 3:00 pm	Treasurer Currie
Events Cmte/ SYBA Promotions Cmte 3 rd Wednesday of the month 4:00 pm	Chair Goudeau
Border Public Arts Committee (BPAC) 1 st Saturday of the month 11:00 am	Chair Sanchez



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