

SAN YSIDRO BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, July 28, 2016

Attendance: Ernesto Murguía, Filex Sánchez, Miguel Aguirre, Emilie Medellín, Thomas Currie, Douglas Qasawadish, Carlos Avalos, Rudy López, Jennifer Goudeau, Oscar Salas, Carlos Díaz, Irene Rojas, Sunil Gakhreja

Absent: Ivan Magaña, Jorge Omar Trujillo

Staff: Gina Escamilla, Jason Wells

1. President Murguía convened the meeting at 0833am.
2. ED Wells mentioned to the Board that he will need to leave by 9am, due to a code compliance appeal hearing that the SYBA is attending on behalf of one of its members. Accordingly, President Murguía moved the action items to the top of the agenda.
3. New Business: ED Wells congratulated 2016 election winners. ED Wells then presented to the board the New Member Orientation Presentation and Year-in-Review. The full presentation is attached to these minutes, as are the bylaws that were provided to all board members in attendance.
4. President Murguía called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Director Gakhreja made the motion, seconded by Jennifer Goudeau. The motion passed unanimously.
5. President's Report: President Murguía briefed the Board on current products Compass Bank is offering San Ysidro businesses.
6. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Goudeau gave the monthly treasurer's report, including both the monthly report and year-end report. She mentioned annual income was slightly below budget due to business assessments coming in lower than expected and the termination of the Shamrock cleaning agreement. President Murguía asked about the process of contracting. Treasurer Goudeau mentioned the ongoing contracts were now just Hearts and Hands. Contract process will be addressed at next executive committee meeting. Director Currie asked if payroll was up to date. Treasurer Goudeau said yes, taxes processed and paid by bookkeeper Mary Joseph.
7. Director Currie mentioned that the SYBA attended the July 15 opening ceremony of PedWest pedestrian crossing. Director Currie mentioned that it was a great ceremony for a beautiful facility but that the Mexican side of the crossing was lacking. He mentioned the Mexican side of PedWest is basically scaffolding and that the tube supports moved under foot traffic. He mentioned that the crossing on the Mexican side is not accessible by wheelchair. Director Currie mentioned the Chamber and SYBA efforts in securing lanes to remain open on the east side after the opening of PedWest. Discussion ensued about public notices/ announcements regarding which crossing and which lanes would be open. Treasurer Goudeau mentioned the Wildcatting is already starting to creep over to PedWest. She further mentioned a problem is that the City Attorney has decided not to prosecute wildcatting, so the police are not combatting it. She said it is wrong that the City prosecutes businesses for having a canopy outside its front door, but do not prosecute illegal wildcatting, who actually pose a public safety threat. It was suggested we hold a city attorney forum so that candidates are aware that we need to prosecute wildcatting.

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8. Miguel Aguirre gave an update to his pending lawsuit with regards to the use of the 2nd story door of McDonalds Trolley Station. Treasurer Goudeau requested of Director Aguirre that if he wanted action from the board, he needed to make a particular ask. Director Aguirre said he felt the board had not “tuned in” to his issue. Director Currie stated that the organization has been supportive and that he personally feels MTS’ lawsuit is “an abuse of power.” President Murguia invited Director Aguirre to make a formal presentation at the next board meeting.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35am.



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