

MINUTES
NORTHEAST AREA BUSINESS COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
The Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce
Tuesday, February 3, 8:00 a.m.
Holiday Inn Select
77 NE Loop 410

Presiding: Joel Ceguera, Chair

Present: Bacon, Calderon, Ceguera, Hall, Howell, Honermann, Hughey, Hune, Kuhlmann, Lackey, Lytle, McAden, Saenz, Watson

Absent: Aguirre, Gilsdorf, Kistner, O'Brien, Reno, Rosilier, Sanford, Trigg, Turner, Winkler, Yan

Guest: Kara Hill, Hill Bros. Construction

Staff: O'Briant

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Chairman Joel Ceguera (Firstmark) called the meeting to order.

ID VOLUNTEER NOTE-TAKER: Debbie Lytle (1st National Merchant Sol.) volunteered.

WELCOME AND SELF INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves. Ceguera asked for a motion to approve the January minutes. Minutes were approved without changes.

(MSC – to approve the January 2009 minutes)

BRAC UPDATE: Kara Hill (Hill Bros. Construction) formerly with Bexar County and the MTTF (Military Transportation Task Force) presented on how BRAC will change the landscape of San Antonio over the next 2-3 years. BRAC is estimated to be 4 times the magnitude of Toyota, and it's multi-faceted: construction, medical, technology, real estate. All medical training for the military will shift to San Antonio to 2 locations: SAMC North and South (San Antonio Medical Center). There will be more students than Westpoint and the USAF Academy combined at these 2 hospitals. This will bring in lots of money and clout to our city. Most construction is scheduled to be completed by 2010-11. Members of the board were mostly concerned with transportation issues. IH-35 is already extremely congested, and as of now, no one knows of any plans to expand the highway. Light rail has been a rumor, but it's also controversial. Hill stated that any questions could be deferred to Scott Gray, chair of the Economic Development

Committee with the County, her replacement. She also suggested to board members to call their state/city/county representatives to voice their opinions or for more information. O'Briant will provide this information to the board.

WEBSITE INFORMATION AND UPDATES: O'Briant informed the board that the ABCs now have a more prominent link on the home page. On the ABC page, each board has its own link, along with chairs' bios and goals for 2009. The SBRC has its own link that advertises its space and also lists other organizations that help with small business, i.e. ACCION, CDLF, Bexar County, SBA, etc.

STATUS REPORT SPEAKERS: Don Jakeway with Brooks City-Base will be the speaker for March. This Thursday will be Chief of Police, William McManus. He will present on the state of SAPD, and the different initiatives he has planned for the future. FYI: Status Report breakfasts are the former Business Roundtables.

OTHER BUSINESS: Lytle secured Roland Lozano (VIA) as March's speaker. Gayla Hall (Holiday Inn) stated the March's meeting will have to be moved to another location just for this month. Staff will look into another location. Laura Calderon (NEISD) said that she could probably contact Dr. Middleton for April's speaker. Ray Watson (C o Windcrest) followed up with Randy Smith (Rackspace) on serving the board; he's now been added to the e-tree.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Staff will provide representatives info to the board.
- Staff will find an alternate location for March's NEABC Board meeting.
- Laura Calderon will contact Dr. Middleton from NEISD for speaking at a NEABC meeting.
- Each member should provide Casillas with their contact information for updates.

ADJOURN: the Board adjourned the meeting.

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Submitted by:_____ Approved by:_____

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