

MINUTES
NORTHEAST AREA BUSINESS COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
The Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce
Tuesday, January 6, 8:00 a.m.
Holiday Inn Select
77 NE Loop 410

Presiding: Joel Ceguera, Chair

Present: Calderon, Ceguera, Hall, Hune, Kuhlmann, Lackey, Lytle, McAden, Saenz, Watson

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

Staff: Casillas, O'Briant

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

WELCOME AND SELF INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves. Ceguera discussed the need to have a stronger board. One of the goals is to have more participation by its members. The board is looking for a Co-Chair. The Co-Chair will chair the NE Council next year. At each meeting, a member will have an opportunity to give a 10 minute presentation on their business and/or their involvement within the Greater Chamber and how this involvement has benefitted them.

Ceguera asked for a motion to approve the December minutes. Minutes were approved without changes.

(MSC – to approve the December 2008 minutes)

IDENTIFY BOARD MEETING SPEAKERS: Casillas discussed the need and advantages of getting an outside speaker each month. This speaker will discuss events that are happening within the region. Each of our meetings will be on the first Tuesday of each month.

WEBSITE INFORMATION AND UPDATES: Ceguera would like to have the Greater Chamber website emphasize a greater presence for the ABC Regional Boards, a more prominent place. Casillas discussed this in more depth. He mentioned that we can place our minutes on the website and provide the events taking place within each Board.

Lackey asked about the purpose of the Board. Casillas discussed that the Board addresses issues within their region. Some of these issues involve the City of Windcrest, the Quarry of the NE side (1st zoned mix-use in SA), the Airport, crime, the soccer fields involving Gordon Hartman (and to clarify about involvement w/ NEISD), stronger alliance with the MetroCom Board, and community outreach.

BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE SPEAKERS: Casillas discussed the Roundtable speakers. These could involve speakers from SAWS, CPS, SAPD, etc. These are held on the first Thursday of each month at Sunset Station. Other topics to consider are the Airport Expansion, River North project, Haven for Hope, and BRAC.

The Board discussed the Business Expo that has been proposed. This could be an opportunity to meet face-to-face with major procurement buyers. The BRAC project and its effect on infrastructure, housing apartments, employment, and planning by the cities affected was discussed.

2009 NORTHEAST ABC SPONSORED EVENTS: Ceguera and Casillas would like to invite speakers to our meetings to discuss the upcoming City Council/School Board elections. We are also looking for sponsors to help with the costs for upcoming ABC Sponsored Events.

OTHER BUSINESS: Ceguera asked if anyone would like to be the 10 minute speaker next month, to contact him to schedule. *After the meeting, Watson contacted staff about being the NEABC co-chair for 2009.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Casillas will contact Kara Hill who was the lead on BRAC w/ the Economic Development Council.
- Ray Watson will contact Randy Smith with Rackspace for NEABC involvement.
- Debbie Lytle will contact Roland Lozano at VIA about being a speaker for one of our meetings.
- Laura Calderon will contact Dr. Middleton from NEISD for speaking at a NEABC meeting.
- Staff & chair will develop a program description for the NEABC for web.
- Each member should provide Casillas with their contact information for updates.

ADJOURN: the Board adjourned the meeting.

Submitted: _____

Submitted by: _____ Approved by: _____

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