

**MINUTES**  
**SOUTH AREA BUSINESS COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**The Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce**  
**Thursday, January 8, 2008 – 3:00 p.m.**  
**The Chamber**  
**605 E Commerce**

**Presiding: Charlie Roberts, Chair**

**Present:** Busonne, Garcia, Howell, Mercado, Roberts, Rodriguez, Watson, Ybarra

**Absent:** Cuero, Green, Mireles, Moreno

**Guests:** Don Jakeway and Terry Williams from Brooks City-Base

**Staff:** Casillas, O'Briant

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Chairman Charlie Roberts (MattressFirm) called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending.

**WELCOME AND SELF INTRODUCTIONS:** Roberts asked everyone to introduce themselves.

**CONSENT DOCKET:** Roberts asked for a motion to approve the December minutes. Minutes were approved without changes.

(MSC – to approve the December 2008 minutes)

**BROOKS CITY-BASE UPDATE:** Jakeway updated the SABC on the status of Brooks City Base. It's the most innovative yield of BRAC across the country, comprised of the old Brooks and Kelley AFB's. The USAF still has a presence and the gates exist, however as of November of 2011, the USAF will officially be gone. The majority of these USAF jobs will remain in San Antonio. There is lots of space research taking place, and a shift in focus to tech jobs is also occurring in order to replace the 3800 USAF jobs leaving the base. The other major areas of focus are on aerospace, telecom, pharmaceuticals, health, bio-science and engineering. Brooks is uniquely treated as a municipality, created by private/public partnerships.

SE Baptist Hospital is being built and will be changing the landscape of San Antonio on the south side. A new professional office center is also going up; it will be the first of its kind on this side of town. Jakeway stated that many of the

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roads in the area need work, especially once other businesses move into the area, for ex. Goliad Rd. and the new Lowe's going in. Jakeway offered his board room to the SABC should they ever need it, and said that he was willing to work/assist the SABC in anyway possible in the future.

**ABC SPONSORED EVENTS:** Casillas informed the group that with the elections this year, it is also our year to schedule forums for the candidates running. This year, The Chamber will also host a mayoral debate as well as school district forums. Going off of Jakeway's presentation, Casillas suggested a 'How to do business w/ SE Baptist & Brooks City-Base' GMMs. Bussone also added 'How to do business' w/ DPT and Port San Antonio, and any and all major companies on the south side. Ybarra added that Palo Alto College just finished 2 new buildings and should be completed by May.

**WEB UPDATES:** Casillas asked the board for goals that they have for the year; these will go on the website outlining what exactly the SABC intends to tackle. Casillas said that we need to do a better job of promoting the SBRC online.

**OTHER:** The next Business Roundtable will be February 5, with Chief William McManus presenting on SAPD at Sunset Station. Roberts relayed that Perez suggested the SABC invite a representative from SISD to speak to the group as well.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Staff will contact Port San Antonio for a presentation to the SABC.
- Board members will email their goals to staff to post on the website.
- Staff will find a contact from SAISD to speak at a future SABC mtg.
- Staff will contact Jakeway to speak at a Business Roundtable and present on Brooks City-Base.
- Staff will follow up with Jakeway to find a representative from Brooks for the SABC.

**ADJOURN** – With no further business before them, the Board of Directors adjourned.

Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

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