



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 4, 2017, 8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce
2300 Crenshaw Blvd. Building B
Torrance, CA 90501
Dan Hoffman, Chairman

John Heffernan, Sherry Kramer, Charles Glae, Lou Baglietto, Patricia Donaldson, Olivia Valentine, Kim MacMullan, Janice Webb, Mark Lipps, Eileen Hupp, Marilyn Lyon, Tim Buresh, Marna Smeltzer, Ann Garten, Matt Garth, Donna Duperron, Wark Waronek, Patty Senecal, Jeff Kiernana, Jennings Imel, Chis Cagle, Britt Huff, Serena Josel, Matt Garth

1. Welcome Dan Hoffman, Chair
 - a. Flag Salute
2. Self-Introductions and Sign-In All Participants
3. Approval of Minutes Janice Webb, Secretary
 - a. Motion to Approve March Min: - Postponed until May 2, 2017
 - b. 2nd:
4. Government Affairs Report PEAR Strategies
 - a. SB 1 (Beall) Transportation funding- Senate Bill 1 establishes the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program and requires all revenues from the imposed taxes and fees to be deposited in the newly created Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA). SB 1 provides 25 million drivers with smoother, safer, stronger bridges and roads; a reliable transportation system that can withstand natural disasters. Businesses will benefit from improved transportation corridors that will cut down their shipping costs and bring more Pacific Rim tonnage through California ports, making them indispensable in a highly competitive race with Pacific Northwest ports.
 - i. Motion to Support SB 1: Charles Gales-
 - ii. 2nd: Mark Waronek
 - iii. YES: 10 NO: 6 ABSTAIN; 0

- b. SB 17 (Hernandez) Health care: prescription drug costs- This bill will promote transparency in the health care system by requiring drug makers to give prior notice to purchasers before raising prices and requiring health plans to report the proportion of the premiums which is spent on prescription drugs.
 - i. Motion to Support SB 17- Lou Baglietto
 - ii. 2nd: Matt Garth
 - iii. AIF- Motion Carries

- c. SB 346 (Glazer) Computer science strategic implementation plan- The computer science strategic implementation plan ensures that computer science is taught in all California schools. Studying computer science prepares students for careers in a large variety of sectors by teaching them valuable computational and critical thinking skills, and by allowing them to create new technologies rather than simply using them. The subject is applicable to careers in manufacturing, healthcare, retail, the arts, financial services, agriculture and more. According to Code.org, in California alone, there are currently 68,352 open computing jobs.
 - i. Motion to Table SB 346- Eileen Hupp
 - ii. 2nd: Marilyn Lyons
 - iii. AIF- Motion Carries

- d. SB 540 (Roth) Workforce Housing Opportunity Zone- SB 540 aims to streamline housing approvals and construction. One challenge local developers face is complying with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which can be a lengthy process that creates delays and uncertainty. Senate Bill 540 establishes a voluntary process for a city or county to adopt a Workforce Housing Opportunity Zone (WHOZ). Under SB 540, cities and counties could identify priority housing areas within a community where enhanced planning, necessary environmental reviews and public engagement would occur at the front end.
 - i. Motion to Support SB 540: Donna Duperron
 - ii. 2nd: Marna Smeltzer
 - iii. AIF- Motion Carries

- e. AB 912 (Obernolte) Small business: California Small Business Regulatory Fairness Act- would further assist small businesses in navigating the regulations in California so that they can comply and grow their business, without facing costly enforcement actions for inadvertent mistakes. Establishes the California Small Business Regulatory Fairness Act for the purpose of setting the framework by which a reduction or waiver in civil penalties is provided to a small business based upon a determination of the rule making agency that certain conditions are met.
 - i. Motion to Support AB 912- Olivia Valentine
 - ii. 2nd: Donna Duperron
 - iii. YES: 14 NO:0 ABSTAIN: 2

- f. AB 1326 (Cooper) Theft: aggregate valuation- would aggregate the value of certain nonviolent property crimes such as shoplifting, check fraud, forgery, theft, and receiving stolen property over a 12-month period. In that time frame, if a person commits crimes with the combined total value of \$950 or more, that person would be charged with a felony.
 - i. Motion to Support AB 1326 Lou
 - ii. 2nd: Matt Garth
 - iii. AIF- Motion Carries

- g. AB 1645 -1649 (Muratsuchi)- AB 1645 will phase out the use of hydrofluoric acid by California refineries.
 - i. AB 1646 will require the maintenance of a publicly accessible community alert plan which includes notification to residents for emergencies (reverse 911, text, email, PSAs, etc.) and public alerts (alarms, sirens, etc.). How far that notification must be heard, ways by which the community must be notified, and several other community alarms will be included.

- ii. AB 1647 will require refineries to install and maintain air quality monitors at the refinery fence line and in the community, and require that the governing air quality agency publicly report the readings from the monitors in real-time.
 - iii. AB 1648 will increase the number of state refinery inspectors at the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal OSHA). A budget request has been made in conjunction with this bill.
 - iv. AB 1649 will codify and make permanent the existing Interagency Refinery Task Force created by Governor Jerry Brown.
 - 1. Motion to Table- Donna Duperron
 - 2. 2nd: Marna Smeltzer
 - 3. Motion Carries for a presentation at the May 2017 meeting.
 - h. LAX Landside Access Modernization Program (LAMP)
5. Office Holders, Administrative Agencies and Community Partners- *Please limit your reports to no more than 3 minutes.*
- a. U.S. Chamber of Commerce- Jennings Imel- Provided a federal update on the Supreme Court Vote. A vote expected by Thursday or Friday.
 - b. League of Cities- Jeff Kiernan- Thanks the SBACC for supporting SB 1 & **SB 540**. Provided an update on the Gov. Brown's budget activity.
 - c. Los Angeles Air Force Base- Carla L. Rosepryor NA
 - d. Base Retention Advisory Council- Michael Jackson- Marna Smeltzer provided the update. The committee will be restarting the military discount program.
 - e. South Bay WIB- Chris Cagle- SBWIB has a new website www.southbaybusiness.org. Encouraged the Chambers to share it with its Members. SBWIB is hold a Youth Job Fair at the Carson Community Center on 4-27-17.
 - f. South Bay Council of Governments- Hon. Britt Huff- Discussed all the events the SBCOG has coming up soon. The broadband study is still being compiled

- g. Office of Congresswoman Waters- Blanca Jimenez NA
 - h. Office of Congresswoman Barragan NA
 - i. Office of Congressman Lieu- Nicholas Rodriguez NA
 - j. Office of Senator Allen- Sam Liu NA
 - k. Office of Senator Bradford- Nital Patel- No new business
 - l. Office of Senator Lara- Tonya Martin NA
 - m. Office of Assemblymember Burke- Robert Pullen-Miles NA
 - n. Office of Assemblymember Gipson- Chris Wilson NA
 - o. Office of Assemblymember Muratsuchi- Andrew DeBlock – Muratsuchi will be speaking at the Torrance Chamber’s State of the State. Highlighted AB 1517
 - p. Office of Assemblymember O’Donnell- Allison Gallaher NA
 - q. Office of Supervisor Hahn- Hon. Mark Waronek- No new updates and offered to help and facilitate county visits.
6. [Officeholder representatives, non-chamber members, and guests are respectfully asked to leave the meeting at this point]
7. Chair’s Report Dan Hoffman
8. Financial Report George Kivett, Treasurer
- a. Motion to Approve March Financials
 - b. 2nd:
9. Committee Reports
10. Announcements All
- a. Special thanks to the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce for hosting us