

Special Note: The following is a summary of the Minutes taken from the Regional Business Development Advisory Council meeting held on March 22, 2012, and does not necessarily provide a detailed verbatim transcription of the Minutes.

MINUTES

REGIONAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Thursday, March 22, 2012, 8:00 A.M.

Clark County Government Center

500 S. Grand Central Parkway, 1st Floor, Pueblo Room

Las Vegas, NV 89155

Members Present:

Kenyatta Lewis, MGM Resorts International - Chair
Yolanda Jones, Clark County Purchasing & Contracts – Vice Chair (Represented by Tom Boldt)
Amy Shaw, Clark County Department of Aviation
Bramby Tollen, Clark County School District (Represented by Carol Poindexter)
Christina Lopez, Las Vegas Valley Water District
Dianne Fontes, Nevada Minority Supplier Development Council
Frederick James, Las Vegas-Clark County Library District
Horacio Lopez, Hispanic Business Roundtable
Jeanine Pitts-Dilworth, Clark County Regional Flood Control
Jesse Waite, Southern Nevada Health District
Kathy Rainey, City of Las Vegas (Represented by Edward O’Neal)
Kim Grantham, Clark County Water Reclamation District (Represented by Jean Hutton)
Larry Vierra, Small Business Development Center
Linda Poling, City of Henderson
Lydia Bilynsky, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada
Mark Cahill, College of Southern Nevada
Mary Huff, Las Vegas Valley Water District
Penny Marchell, Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority
Rudy Malfabon, Nevada Department of Transportation
Sharrie Mayden, UNLV
Shelia Thompson, City of North Las Vegas
Viveca Rehman, Henderson District Library

Legal Counsel:

Mark Wood, Clark County District Attorney’s Office

Members Absent:

Chad Skidmore, UMC
Duy Nguyen, Asian Chamber of Commerce
Hermann Friedman, NV Energy
Raven Gilmore, N.A.W.B.O
Mel Hawkins, National Association of Minority Contractors
Napoleon McCallum, Urban Chamber of Commerce
Robert Brewer, Southwest Gas Corporation
Wanda Becket, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority

Guests:

Yvonne Schuman, Nevada Department of Transportation
Jane Lee, Jadon Foods

I. Call to Order

Larry Vierra, Chair, called the RBDAC meeting to order.

II. Opening Ceremonies

Silent Invocation was conducted followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Certification of Compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law

It was announced that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. The meeting was appropriately posted at the appropriate locations as listed at the bottom of the agenda.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shelia Thompson announced the City of North Las Vegas Vendor's Expo on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at the City Hall courtyard. She issued the flyer to the Council and asked for their support.

Rudy Malfabon introduced **Yvonne Schuman** as the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) Civil Rights Officer. She took over for Norma Norman and is working on updating NDOT disparity study and reaching out to the DBE community. Her office is located in the offices of the RTC building.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of the December 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were unanimously approved.

B. Report on responses from Members of Letter sent by Chair

Larry Vierra stated that the letter was sent to the required and non-required RBDAC members. **Kenyatta Lewis** said that the non-required member had to go thru a process in order to remove them.

Mark Wood thinks that the Council has the authority to remove the volunteered member since most of them did not respond to the letter but if in the future they have a desire to participate again then they are welcome to participate.

C. Removal of Non-Participating Members

Kenyatta Lewis suggested that before removing the non-participating members the Council should look back in the sign-in sheets of the previous meetings to identify those agencies that have not been attending the meetings. She also thinks it's appropriate to send a follow up letter advising them they have been removed; however, if they desire to rejoin then that opportunity is open.

Mark Wood restated that the action is to table agenda item of removing the non-participating members for the next meeting and have a list of the actual members that the Council will be removing.

Ed O'Neal asked if the Council is going to have a policy in place when removing members that do not participate without going thru the whole discussion. **Kenyatta** said that there will be some guidelines in the Council's By-laws.

Shelia Thompson volunteered in making personal telephone calls to the agencies that have not responded and ask for information as to find out if the individual is still in the agency or if they

have an alternate. **Shelia** will report back to the Council at the next RBDAC meeting. **Kenyatta** suggested that **Shelia** have a copy of the letter that was sent. The Council will then proceed to remove members that do not attend the meeting based on the report from **Shelia**.

D. Election of RBDAC Chair, Co-Chair, and Secretary

Kenyatta Lewis, MGM Resorts International, **Chairperson**.

Yolanda Jones, Clark County Purchasing and Contracts, **Vice-Chairperson**.

Rudy Malfabon, Nevada Department of Transportation, **Secretary**.

The new officers will serve for two years commencing March 2012 – March 2014.

E. Discuss recommended changes to AB 7

The RBDAC members agreed to have an action item to create a subcommittee to work on recommendations to AB 7 for economic development and involve the Business Development Advisory Council.

F. Update on setting up Conference Center

The agenda item for setting up a Conference Center at the Library District was tabled for discussion with **Mark Wood**, DA's office, at the next meeting in June.

G. Update on combined event

Penny Marchell reported that the Supplier Outreach Event will be on Friday, September 14, 2012, and it will be held at the Las Vegas Convention Center. This annual event will include buyers from organization seeking to do business with local suppliers and workshop tiers. It is free to the public and it will help to promote the economic recovery of Southern Nevada.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Horacio Lopez announced that he will no longer represent the Hispanic Business Round Table as he will be retiring. He will let the Council know who will take his place to attend the RBDAC meetings.

VII. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned.

VIII. Next meeting date: Thursday, June 14, 2012, 8:00 a.m., 1st Floor, OCD Training Room 3, Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89155

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2. Clark County District Court Administration, 200 S. 3rd Street, Las Vegas, NV 89155
3. Regional Transportation Commission, 600 S. Grand Central Pkwy., Las Vegas, NV 89106
4. Clark County Aviation McCarran International Airport, 5757 Wayne Newton Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89119