

Special Note: The following are minutes that summarize the Regional Business Development Advisory Council meeting held on August 20, 2015, and not a transcript of the meeting.

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REGIONAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Thursday, August 20, 2015, 8:30 A.M.

Clark County, Las Vegas

500 S. Grand Central Parkway, 1st Floor, ODC Room #3

Las Vegas, NV 89155

Members Present:

Yoli Jones, City of Las Vegas (Chair)

John Castiglione, Las Vegas-Clark County Library District (Vice Chair)

Adleen Stidhum, Clark County Purchasing and Contracts (Secretary)

Amy Shaw, McCarran International Airport

Carol Poindexter, Clark County School District

Christy Echols, NAWBO (Represented by Jacki Ramirez)

Deborah Laine, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority

Gabriela Montaldo, Southern Nevada Health District

Jeanine Pitts-Dilworth, Clark County Regional Flood Control District

Linda Poling, City of Henderson (Represented by Brenda West)

Mark Cathey, Southern Nevada Water Authority

Mary Huff, Las Vegas Valley Water District

Penny Marchell, Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority

Rolando Mosqueda, College of Southern Nevada, (Represented by Paula Gonzales)

Sharrie Mayden, University of Nevada Las Vegas

Shane Clement, Clark County Water Reclamation District

Tonita Mack, Regional Transportation Commission (Represented by LaToya McGee-Willis)

Legal Counsel:

Catherine Jorgenson, Clark County District Attorney's Office

Members Absent:

James Haye, City of North Las Vegas

James Lopez, Hispanic Round Table

Napoleon McCallum, The Venetian Resort-Hotel-Casino

Viveca Rehman, Henderson District Public Libraries

Valerie Bailey, Southwest Gas (Excused Absence)

Veronica Kammler, University Medical Center Southern Nevada

Guests:

Dottie Davis, Clark County Regional Flood Control District

Jane Lee, Jadon Foods

Jim Haining, Clark County Purchasing and Contracts

Laura J. Spina, RAFI Architecture and Design

Niki Gomoluh, City of Las Vegas

I. Call to Order

Yoli Jones, Chair, called the RBDAC meeting to order on Thursday, August 20, 2015.

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. Introductions

The Council members and guests introduced themselves.

V. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VI. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 19, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

VII. Subcommittee Updates

a. Communications Committee

Jane Lee reported that the newsletter is now available on the Clark County Purchasing and Contracts web page at www.clarkcountynv.gov/purchasing. Jane asked the RBDAC members to provide any information on upcoming events or workshops to announce in the newsletter. The newsletter includes website links to the RBDAC participating member's agencies/organizations where business can view their biographies.

b. Legislative Committee

There was no report available by the legislative subcommittee.

VIII. Informational Items

a. Receive information on Assembly Bill 116 that was approved by the Governor:

The members received a copy of the information on Assembly Bill 116 that was introduced by Assemblywoman Irene Bustamante Adams and Assemblywoman Dina Neal. This is the statute that governs RBDAC, which was approved and became effective on May 22, 2015. This is a Special Act and can be found in the State's website.

The following are some modifications made to the Assembly Bill 116:

- The membership of the Council reduced to 19 active members. The private and non-profit entities may participate, but will be non-voting members
- RBDAC will work under the Board of County Commissioners
- The Council will provide their biannual report to the Legislative Council Bureau and are reporting expenditures

b. **Update on the Committed to our Business Community (CTOBC) event:**

Penny stated that the committee met on August 19, 2015. There are over 100 exhibitors and about 150 suppliers have signed-up online. The CTOBC is a free event scheduled on Thursday, September 10, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Ionwave Technologies Inc. will give a tutorial for the suppliers on how to register in the Nevada Government e-Marketplace (NGEM) system. Assemblywoman Irene Bustamante Adams is the guest speaker.

Yoli said that they appreciate the work the committee has put forth in this event.

c. **Update on the Nevada Government e-Marketplace (NGEM) live system:**

Jim Haining, from Clark County Purchasing and Contracts, provided an update on NGEM. He mentioned that they have held meetings with those entities involved to discuss information on the system. There are 1,172 vendors registered on the system and they can view the current bid opportunities. The suppliers will be notified of the bidding opportunities available based on the categories they select. The following are the additional Government entities that have expressed interest in NGEM:

- City of Henderson
- City of North Las Vegas
- Clark County Library District
- Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
- State of Nevada
- Nevada Department of Transportation

Laura Jane Spine, from RAFI Architecture and Design, expressed her appreciation of the work the government entities have put forth in NGEM. She believes it will save small businesses time because they will have all the entities in one system.

Yoli mentioned that the Latin Chamber invited the City of Las Vegas to present at their meeting. If there are other organizations or associations that may be interest, Yoli said that her staff is available to attend and help the businesses.

d. **Identify emerging issues to be addressed at a future meeting:**

John Castiglione requested an item to review how the entities are approaching the Emerging Small Business (ESB) program.

e. Public Announcements:

Amy Shaw announced that McCarran International Airport, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada, Reno Tahoe Airport and the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County are conducting a disparity study. The initiation meeting with Southern Nevada was on August 11, 2015 and with Reno on August 12, 2015. They are having a public hearing on October 21, 2015 in Reno and one on October 22, 2015 in Las Vegas at 8:30 a.m. and at 5:30 p.m. They would like businesses to attend the hearings and provide testimony of any barriers and things that have worked in order for the study to be more comprehensive. This is based of 5 years of study.

Jackie Ramirez announced that the Latin Chamber of Commerce luncheon is scheduled for August 21, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at the South Point. On August 25, 2015, NAWBO is bringing in Felena Hanson, Founder of Hera Hub, a co-working shared space specifically designed for women, She will be sharing some of her Best Practices from collaborating marketing on a limited budget to maximum exposure.

IX. Review and approve RBDAC Bylaws

This item was convened to the November 19, 2015 meeting. They will work with Catherine Jorgensen to review the Bylaws, compare to AB116, make revisions and bring back to the Council for review and approval. The proposed revisions will be sent to the Council to review prior to the next meeting.

X. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

XI. Next Meeting –

Thursday, November 19, 2015, 8:30 a.m., 1st Floor, ODC Training Room 1, at the Clark County Government Center.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.