

Governmental Affairs Committee
Meeting Minutes
Friday, March 25th 2016



“Your Business is Our Priority!”

The Chamber’s mission is to sustain, promote and grow business and to enhance the quality of life of the Seal Beach community.

Meeting started 11:05 A.M. ph:(888) 549-3557 conference code is 4770761

In attendance: Marah Fineberg-Kuck, Sterling Gary, Joyce Parque, Pat Hale, Tom Rowe, Brian Harmon

Updates from Chair- Marah

- a. Old Business- Music Ordinance – continued support.
 - b. SBA Person of the Year Submitted- waiting results (Scott Levitt & Brooke Harvey Reid)
 - c. SBA seminar series- placed a call with Sylvia at SBA waiting response
 - d. GAC presence at Coffee mixer at General Meetings –
 - i. website working to link notes and minutes, agendas, notices, etc. – Pat Hale was wondering if website worked , Tom reviewed the details that email login valid log-in instructions (and reset password instructions) review to help me
 - ii. what is the issue with parking- Sterling Gary. Tom said that the parking issues are many, and it is what it is- we are trying to address the city – to adjust the timeline on parking meters with the city. There are no plans for additional parking. Residents don’t want a parking structure, and no space to place one anyways. There is not any additional solutions at this time. We will follow-up with taxi stand.
2. Legislative Field Reports- Staff from Elected Officials- None in attendance
- a. Congressman Dana Rohrabacher- Constance Towers; Field Rep.
 - b. Senator Janet Nguyen- Miles Bruner; Field Rep.
 - c. Assembly Member Travis Allen – Collin Edwards; Field Rep.
 - d. Supervisor, Michelle Steele; Tim Whitacre; Field Rep.
3. City Council Liaison committee member- (Terri Bursinger) - written report attached-
- a. Electric Power discussion: Tom said there was expenses, damage to some of his business equipment- along with other businesses, when power is down- it is costing the businesses a lot of time, money, - when you run on lesser power, the effects can be seen later, many businesses are dealing with it. Isolated incidents have happened with each of these surges- mostly storm related, one was equipment failure actually. Tom said that he doesn’t remember too many black outs in the past. Edison is looking how to minimize the business district, segregate the blocks is a possibility in the future. Jenelle will be coming to the next meeting to represent Edison. We hope that can come up with a solution for the business district. Pat asked if they thought about putting power underground. Tom said it may not solve all the problems, underground power lines also have shortages.
- how about moving the committee meeting to 12-noon? As requested by Terri, her schedule allows from a break time at noon. Everyone said the time change is Ok, we reviewed meeting 1 time a month at the Abbey, at that time, its Tom’s lunch hour, and will be too noisy and crowded for the group. We may not know how many people is coming– we don’t need to meet at the Abbey. Marah suggested meeting

in her conference room.- sterling also suggested he has a conference room. Moving meeting later to 12-noon was confirmed by all.

5. LACWOC- Legislative Action Committee of West Orange County (Sterling Gary)
 - a. oral report- big thing – see a lot of activity at the joint forces training bases- helicopters, training activities full force. Also govt. Also, evaluations of the base are under review at this time, and things look positive and possible adding facilities to JFTB. More people are coming to the area- active military posts moving here, provide logistics services here for overseas locations in Europe. Bringing in more resources locally, and will bring more dollars to business in the area. Reviewing issues for support or oppose- next meeting will have issues in front to review.
 - b. 3/3/16 & 3/29 Marah & Sterling Join Assembly Member Travis Allen’s to plan job fair
 - i. \$500 sponsorship Requested per chamber- Board Approval needed
 - ii. possible dates: 9/23, 9/30, 10/7- volunteers needed 9am-2pmBrain asked a Q about the Job. – what day of the week- Fridays they are looking.

6. California Small Business- Joyce (updates) – oral update. Betty Jo said they are working on the \$15 wage increase, we are supposed to vote on it on the next election. It will be coming up- possible on the ballot, Joyce will look into it. Sterling noted that he thinks it will be more so for LA county, more of a local vs state wide issue.

7. New Business

- a. SBA – April District calendar attached
 - b. League of Cities- SB 897 (Roth) Workers’ Compensation- Oppose letter requested- More information is needed, this will ultimately affect us as tax payers. Sterling said he would research a little more and spearhead
 - c. Navy Announces Preparation of Environmental Assessment for Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach Ammunition Pier and Turning Basin Project- Comment in Media, President Provided Comment to Sun News- Support discussion
- we don’t have enough information, long term it will be good to grow business community
-impact Seal Beach, more military presence in our community on regular bases. we may not have a say so- because it’s a military project, the schools have to fit
We do have two congressmen from OC- chairman of foreign affairs committee- Dana Rohrabacher is on this committee.

d. Shops at Rossmoor- LA Fitness center on Main Way- feasibility study- Oppose letter requested by Chamber Member, increased traffic noise, residence in condos. Marah reported she has conflict of interest, she owns investment property in that area. Marah also said Terri shared with her that she doesn’t think we should support this, not a chamber issue- it’s a residential issue.

Tom doesn’t know how we can get involved in this. Tom recalled the Italian restaurant, or Starbucks coffee shops, Seal Beach is on a slow snail pace for parking and traffic. Tom thinks it’s a loose situation for us, to be involved- decided not to take a stance on what kind of business should be allows.

Additions to agenda: Brian asked about restaurant on the pier, it’s a little bit of a moving ball- three options for pier renovation, - Option 1- rebuilt pier for purely walking pier, #2, rebuild pier as walking pier with single story restaurant, #3, with 2 story restaurant, the structure changes as the structures on pier are built. Wendy from Fish Company is interested, interested in full liquor license. Getting firm bids on demo- and it will be rebuilt for a future single story. Tom thinks it will be a walking pier and or could host a single story down the line.

- Thank you for participating in these meetings. Start the process for the next board of the chamber – Board nominations coming up.

8. Adjourn to next meeting: Friday, April 29th at 12:00pm- new meeting time - Committee Meeting: Conference Call ph.: (888) 549-3557 code is 4770761
Meeting concluded at 12:01pm.



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