

Houston Small Business Advisory Committee Minutes

March 22, 2012

FISCAL YEAR 2012 PRIORITIES

Provide input on TCEQ rules and policies to represent small businesses and strengthen partnerships with local elected officials.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM by Co-Chair J. Kelly Mowry. Each of the participants introduced themselves and the business/organization they represented.

REVIEW ACTIONS ITEMS FROM DECEMBER 15, 2010 MEETING

Danielle L. Doss briefly discussed minutes from the December 14, 2011, meeting and commented that no action items were outstanding.

HARRIS COUNTY CONSTABLE PCT 1 ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES UNIT

Investigators Andy Reyna and Brad Geaslin along with Sgt. Bill Warden gave an overview of their program. They discussed the various environmental crimes they prosecute as well as cost involved for clean up in many of the cases. The division was started in 1993. There are currently only 2 investigators in the unit due to budget constraints. The division had prosecuted 750 charges ranging from misdemeanor to felony over the past 5 years. SBAC can be useful in helping to guide and give recommendations to the unit as well educate other small business on the program and give awareness to the program.

TCEQ AUSTIN UPDATE

Andy Gardner provided the SBAC with information regarding new ag product rule (sand, gravel, mining) and the adoption of the bill set for June 27th; Potential rules to cut down on water consumption during drought conditions and the comment period for compliance history was extended to March 23, 2012.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Provide the committee with link to trash bash 2012

Next SBAC Meeting: Thursday June 21, 2012