

Fort Worth Small Business and Local Government Advisory Committee

Small Business and Local Government Assistance Section

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Wednesday, July 25, 2007, Noon to 2 p.m.

Petroleum Club, Fort Worth, Texas

FY07 Priorities

1. Interface with local legislative delegation.
2. Integrate representatives of local governments into membership and identify local government issues to discuss.
3. Act as an advocate for small businesses and local governments in Texas.

Draft Minutes

Welcome and Introductions and Food

Action Items from Previous Meetings–Tasha Burns, SBLGA

Members discussed past action items from previous meeting and fiscal year 2007. Members were provided with a draft article and were encouraged to share feedback and suggestions about the article. Finished article will be presented at the October meeting where members will discuss publication options. Members will also be asked to review letters to the two commissioners at the next meeting.

Information from Austin–Brian Christian, SBLGA Manager

Members were provided with a summary of rules and policies of interest to the Small Business and Environmental Assistance Division (SBEA) and were given resources to obtain more information about them. Members were provided with the biography of the new division director, Grace Montgomery Faulkner. Members were also provided with information on how to subscribe to get free updates by email from TCEQ on a variety of different programs. Members were also updated on the progress of the Hazardous Household Waste rules.

Open Forum and Fiscal Year 2008 Planning–Tag Coolidge, Co-Chair

Members discussed committee accomplishments from 2007. Members also discussed difficulties with getting in touch with the small business community and difficulties letting people know that the committee exists and that the various resources thru SBLGA exist.

Review of Action Items and Closing Comments

- Get guidance on protocols for advocacy thru committee to SBEA/TCEQ.
- Ideas to act as a conduit from SBAC to rest of small business community.

Next Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2008

- October 31, 2007
- January 30, 2008
- April 30, 2008