



Fort Worth Small Business and Local Government Advisory Committee

Wednesday, July 23, 2008 from 1 to 3 PM

Petroleum Club, Fort Worth, Texas

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FY08 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.

Minutes

Attendees

SBAC Members–Shawn Avelar, Tag Coolidge, Wendy Cooper, Owen Daniel, Tina Davis, Ron Hanes, Larry Martin, Kim Millette, Jeannette Pennington, Miquel Sanchez, Timothy Schulz, Rebecca Scott, Jack Tyler, Sarah Walls, Cliff Westbrook, Gerald Zenick.

TCEQ–Tasha Burns, Brian Christian, Tinicha McKinney, and Lori Rose.

Information from Austin–Brian Christian, SBLGA Section Manager

Members were informed of upper management changes:

- Mark Vickery–Executive Director
- Carlos Rubinstein-Deputy Executive Director
- Zak Covar–Assistant Deputy Executive Director

SBLGA management changes: Andrew Gardner, SBLGA team leader, has moved to the Landscape Irrigation Program. The new team leader is Anne Marie Callery.

Compliance History and Penalty Policy update: There will be no proposed changes or modifications to compliance history rules. The following changes have been made to Penalty Policy procedures:

- 1) Downward penalty adjustment for partial good faith effort to comply
- 2) Local governments and nonprofits will not receive increased penalty for economic benefit of non-compliance
- 3) Financial inability to pay will allow \$100 min/month for as long as necessary to pay penalty.

C2 Compliance Commitment Program: Discussed the idea of placing a limit on the amount of renewals a company may have. Companies that have been in the program for 2 years or more should have knowledge of compliance and may become subject to investigations. The contractor is finding compliance issues with companies during C2 renewal visits.

SBLGA FY08 project update:

- TERP: applications for \$240 million of grant funds submitted, and funds for only \$106 million.
- AirCheck Texas: By June 1, 2008, the program had removed almost 10,000 older, polluting vehicles from counties having a vehicle inspection and maintenance (I&M) program.
- Petroleum storage tank workshop hosted by Stacy Wright in Farmer's Branch (100 attendees) and Larry Martin in Hurst (93 attendees)
- Dry Cleaner workshop hosted by Stacy Wright in Farmer's Branch (25 attendees)
- Waste Water record keeping and reporting workshop in Ft. Worth (84 attendees)

FY2009 SBAC Organizational Discussion

Brian Christian reviewed SBAC proposal, primarily discussing the desire for SBACs to become more independent.

Members voted to keep FY08 priorities for FY09.

Open Forum–Tag Coolidge, Co-Chair and Tasha Burns, SBLGA

Committee discussed sample charter.

Action items:

- Draft sample charter for members to review – Tasha
- Draft a letter to EPA regarding the Small Business Ombudsman position – SBAC members
- Draft letters to introduce committee to Chairman Garcia and Commissioner Shaw – SBAC members
- Change meeting location [Complete]

Meetings for Fiscal Year 2009

November 12, 2008, Wednesday, 2 pm

February 25, 2009, Wednesday, 2 pm

May 27, 2009, Wednesday, 2 pm

August 5, 2009, Wednesday, time to be announced

Location:

Diamond Oaks Country Club

5821 Diamond Oaks Drive

Fort Worth, TX 76117