

Fort Worth Small Business and Local Government Advisory Committee

Wednesday, October 4, 2006 from Noon to 2 PM
Compass Bank, 2601 S. Hulen Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76109

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

Actions from July 26, 2006 Meeting and August 15, 2006 Follow Up Meeting:

- Have representation at 8-10-06 CAP meeting [Complete]
- Meet with Matt Baker to express concern about the possible name change of the Division (removing Small Business from the name) [Complete]
- Establish protocols to interact with news media
- Contact other SBAC chairs and CAP chair to see if it is feasible to meet with TCEQ Executive Director
- Develop a tag line to better identify and showcase our committee
- Establish communication channels with other TCEQ regions to offer our services to them to assist small businesses and local governments as well as to get input from them on the issues they face.

Small Business and Environmental Assistance Update – Matthew R. Baker, P.E. – Division Director

Mr. Baker gave members an overview of the structure of the division and the different programs each section conducts. Mr. Baker informed members that his vision of the SBLGA included two components: 1) the agency updating members to keep small businesses plugged in and 2) members giving feedback to the agency. Mr. Baker also reviewed the Compliance Advisory Panel meeting minutes and the biography on the new Commissioner, Martin A. Hubert.

Open Forum

Members discussed difficulties with information channels to inform many different small businesses about environmental issues. Members also discussed the dry cleaner initiative and the issuance of the stormwater multi-sector general permit.

Texas Environmental Excellence Awards – Tasha Burns, SBLGA

The Texas Environmental Excellence Awards (TEEA) celebrate the bold efforts of citizens, communities, businesses, and organizations to preserve and protect the Texas environment. The awards are given out each year during the environmental trade fair. Members are encouraged to apply for next year and more information can be found at www.teea.org.

Review of Action Items and Closing Comments- Tag Coolidge – Co-Chair

- Develop strategies for publication options
- Email SBEA org chart to members
- Email ideas to Tag or Tasha regarding Chairman White's request for a small business issue she can champion.
- Email ideas to Tag for the upcoming legislative session
- Draft letter to Commissioner Hubert introducing the SBLGAC and include past comments on penalty policy and compliance history.
- Draft letter to Chairman White and Commissioner Soward and Executive Director to refresh the concerns of the FWSBLGAC.

Next Meeting: January 24, 2007