

Houston Small Business Advisory Committee Scribes

March 1, 2007

FISCAL YEAR 2007 PRIORITIES

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

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – *Jack Holmes, Co-Chair*

Meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM, and all members and guests were introduced. Jack recognized Cynthia Williams for her outstanding leadership of the Houston SBACs during the last five years. A picture was taken as Jack presented Cynthia with a swan planter as a token of the groups' appreciation.

DETERMINE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CLEAN TEXAS AND C2 – *Harry Heinlein*

Dust issues may cause another State Implementation Plan, the current problem is caused by vehicles within a site making dust storms as well as diesel emissions. A nuisance dust issue was discussed particularly regarding facilities that do not have any permits with TCEQ. A SAV+ step-by-step guide of what to expect from a site assistance visit was distributed.

SUMMARY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES REGULATIONS – *Jack Holmes*

Surprisingly SB1265 has only brought two cases to Austin for review. The Environmental Crimes Bill (SB1265) was designed to provide TCEQ oversight/review of enforcement case(s) brought by prosecutors for violations thought to be criminal.

ACTION ITEM # 1 - Dolly, Jack and Ray will map out a strategy and find a sponsor to clarify wording in SB 1265.

C2 CERTIFICATE RECOGNITION – *Jack Holmes*

Three new C2 recipients in Region 12 were recognized. A picture was taken as Jack presented a C2 Certificate to Mr. Juan Vilazon of JJ's Paint and Body Shop. ST Inverter America and Northwest Machine, Inc. were recognized as C2 recipients, however they were not present to accept their certificates. Region 12 currently has 13 C2 Partners, Jack challenged members to help get that number up.

ACTION ITEM # 2 - Mickie will put together a chart for the next meeting showing how Region 12 C2 numbers compare to the total statewide.

MINOR SOURCE RULE – *Cynthia Williams*

Houston / Galveston reclassified to Minor Source. Cynthia provided handouts of EPA area rules; Chapter 117 – Control of Air Pollution from Nitrogen Compounds, Subchapter D. Small Combustion Sources; and Form ECT-3 Level of Activity Certification (Title 30 Texas Administrative code § 101.360).

ACTION ITEM # 3 - Clarence will contact dry cleaners and maybe some miscellaneous manufactures to see if they want to start a small group to review the rule to give small business an exemption similar to the exemptions for ISD's.

ACTION ITEM # 4 - This item will remain on the agenda for our next meeting.

UPDATE TO LOCAL PROGRAMS ON C2 AND MAJOR ISSUES – *Clarence Gray*

January 22-23 annual visits are made to Region 12 local programs that honor C2 in Houston (City of Houston, City of Pasadena, Galveston County and Harris County Health). Currently we have no C2 partners in the City of Pasadena, staff is working on that area, looking at what customers could be approached. SBLGA has 36 full time employees (FTE's), 11 in the Austin Central Office and 25 in the regions. SBLGA employees have contacted nearly 60,000 small businesses.

ACTION ITEM # 5 - Clarence will provide a copy of the FY 06 SBEA Annual Report to Jack and Kelly as soon as possible.

AUSTIN UPDATE – *Joy Schultz*

It was announced that Gov. Perry appointed Buddy Garcia to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The appointment is subject to Senate approval. A handout dated February 26, 2007 was discussed regarding bills potentially of interest to small businesses and local governments. The handout covered HB 4 relating to water conservation; HB440 relating to controlling emissions of air contaminants under the Texas Clean Air Act and providing a penalty; HB 760 relating to the consideration of the cumulative effects of air contaminant emissions in the emissions permitting process; HB1335 relating to the Texas emissions reduction plan, including the motor vehicle purchase or lease incentive program under the plan; and SB700 relating to state agency rules affecting small businesses (changing SB from 100 to 500).

ACTION ITEM # 6 - Jack will read HB440 and see how it would impact small businesses.

ACTION ITEM # 7 - Dolly wants to comment on SB700 and will contact Ken Legler to see what suggestions the CAP has made.

ACTION ITEM # 8 - Jack will look into HB760 and report his findings.

Handout of a SBEA Rule & Policy Summary indicating the SBEA staff assigned to what rules along with the website and contact information.

See www.sblga.info to find a full list of compliance tools or <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assistance/sblga/sbac.html> for membership lists, meeting dates and directions.

Next SBAC Meeting: May 24, 2007