

Houston Small Business Advisory Committee Minutes

September 15, 2010

Fiscal Year 2010 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. Kelley Mowry. Each of the 19 participants introduced themselves and the business/organization they represented.

REVIEW ACTIONS ITEMS FROM JUNE 9, 2010 MEETING

Matt Boger briefly discussed minutes from the June 9, 2010 meeting and commented that no action items were outstanding.

SPECIAL GUEST – Officer Stephen Dicker and Sylvia Brumlow, Houston Police Dept.

Mr. Dicker provided the committee with information regarding how the City of Houston's Environmental Crime Unit functions. He provided the SBAC with a presentation that included statistics, outreach information, and an overview of the mission of their unit.

AUSTIN UPDATE – Brian Christian and Andy Gardner.

Brian explained the functions of the Sunset Committee and why the TCEQ is going through the review two years earlier than scheduled. He mentioned that there will be a public meeting at the TCEQ central office on 12/15/2010 and 12/16/2010. After the public meetings, the Sunset Commission will meet again in early 2011 to make decisions regarding the TCEQ. Brian and Andy reviewed the EPA's movement to lower the ozone standard, which will have impacts on small business around Texas. The finalizing of the proposed new ozone standard will be finalized at the end of October 2010.

ENVIROMENTOR RECOGNITION:

Cynthia Williams introduced and recognized Mr. David Sorrells of Zephyr Environmental for his outstanding volunteer work for the Cypress Creek Golf Center and Academy. Since the project was a success through Mr. Sorrells' credentials and hard work, he was presented with an award at our SBAC. Mr. Woodliff, the owner of Cypress Creek Golf Center, provided the SBAC with a presentation on how he converted an old landfill into a beautiful driving range. He was also most appreciative of the environmental assistance he received from Mr. Sorrells and the TCEQ.

C2 PARTNER RECOGNITION:

J. Kelly Mowry recognized Sarah Metzger with the City of Pasadena for being a great asset to the SBAC and the Houston region. Ms. Metzger retired from the City of Pasadena on September 15, and the SBAC presented her with a certificate signed by Senator Mario Gallegos.

ACTION ITEMS:

The only action item was to send out a reminder of the upcoming Sunset Commission public meetings that will be held at the TCEQ in Austin on 12/15/10 and 12/16/10.

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Next SBAC Meeting: Wednesday December 15, 2010