

COMMITTEE ON BORDER RELATIONS
MEETING MINUTES
MAYORS BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL, 10TH FLOOR
TUESDAY, August 3, 2010, 4:00 PM.

The Committee on Border Relations met at the above place and date.

AGENDA

1. Establish Quorum and Call to Order
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes for July 6, 2010 – (Chairperson Kathleen Walker)
3. Discussion and action regarding proposed report and recommendations to the City Council – (Chairperson Kathleen Walker and Mayor's Office, Sylvia Firth)
 - a. City council Resolution urging the Federal Government to support the implementation of the Paso Del Norte Model POE recommendations.
 - b. City's Comprehensive Immigration Reform Resolution – Update on Arizona Law implications and border related legislative issues for next Texas Legislative Session.
4. Discussion and action on ways to improve public communication to publicize news of activities and initiatives undertaken by the Committee on Border Relations, the City, CBP and others to increase understanding of border issues and improve cross border mobility and trade. (IBD, Said Larbi-Cherif, P.E.)
5. Bridge Management Report – (IBD, Said Larbi-Cherif, P.E.)
 - a. Traffic and Revenue Report
 - b. Stanton and Paso Del Norte Project
 - c. Master Regional Ports of Entry Operation Plan
 - d. CBP's Proposed Outbound Inspection Infrastructure
 - e. Deployment of IPS and Duncan Parking Meters for Pilot Demonstration
6. **OPEN COMMENT PERIOD:** At the conclusion of all other agenda items, the Committee will allow an open comment period not to exceed thirty minutes, to receive public comment on any matter under the jurisdiction of the Committee. No action will be taken. Speakers in the audience will be allowed a maximum of three minutes and must be signed up prior to the beginning of the open comment period.
7. Adjournment.

Item 1: Call to Order

Chair Kathleen Walker called the meeting to order at 4:09 pm. Those present were:

Kathleen Walker – Mayor
Laird Carmichael – D-7
Stephanie Caviness – D-1
Irasema Coronado – D-2
Thomas Fullerton, Jr. – D-3
Gerald Smola – D-4
Fernando Quintana – D-5
Jorge Salom – Mayor (at large member)
Pete Ocegueda – D-7 (at large member)

ABSENT:

Ivan Ramirez – D-6

Angelica Quintanilla – D-8

Lilia Ruiz – D-3 (at large member)

Miguel A. Escoto – D-8 (at large member)

OTHERS PRESENT

Said Larbi-Cherif – International Bridges

Ray Mendoza – International Bridges

Jane Shang – Deputy City Manager

Ernesto Gamboa – COEP, Economic Development

Tammy Fonce-Olivas - IBD

Diana Nunez – COEP, Mayor's office

Julie Lozano – COEP, Mayor's office

Jimena Cortes – Mexican Consulate

Bill Molaski – CBP, Port Director

Lisa Colquitt Munoz – Paso Del Norte

Myriam Cruz – City of Juarez

Oscar Padilla – Greater Chamber

Sylvia Firth – COEP, City Attorney

Item 2: Approval Of Meeting Minutes for July 6, 2010

Motion made by Mr. Smola, seconded by Mr. Salom and carried to approve the minutes of July 6, 2010.

AYES Ms. Walker, Mr. Carmichael, Ms. Caviness, Ms. Coronado, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Smola, Mr. Quintana, Mr. Salom, Mr. Ocegueda

NAYS: None

Item 3: Discussion and Action regarding proposed report and recommendations to City Council

a. City council Resolution urging the Federal Government to support the implementation of the Paso Del Norte Model POE recommendations

Lisa Munoz of the Paso Del Norte group spoke about having city government urge the federal government to support the implementation of the PDN model POE. She explained how group was created and its purpose. Discussion followed regarding the wording of the resolution and the timing to place on city council.

Motion made by Mr. Fullerton, seconded by Mr. Quintana and carried to submit the resolution as revised and modified and to have an attachment as an exhibit.

AYES Ms. Walker, Mr. Carmichael, Ms. Caviness, Ms. Coronado, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Smola, Mr. Quintana, Mr. Salom, Mr. Ocegueda

NAYS: None

b. City's Comprehensive Immigration Reform Resolution – Update on Arizona Law implications and border related legislative issues for next Texas Legislative Session.

Ms. Walker presented an update on the Arizona law implications. Ms. Firth stated that City Council has passed a resolution regarding the Arizona law and will oppose any copycat legislation of the Arizona law. Ms. Walker recommended that for the next agenda, the committee discuss provisions that were not a part of the Arizona law. Discussion will be at next meeting.

Item 4: Discussion and action on ways to improve public communication to publicize news of activities and initiatives undertaken by the Committee on Border Relations, the City, CBP and others to increase understanding of border issues and improve cross border mobility and trade.:

Ms. Walker explained ways to improve public communications to publicize news of activities by CBR, CBP and the city to increase understanding of border issues and improve mobility. Ms. Walker discussed her memo regarding the Pilot Project for Sentri I-94 to expedite the process at the El Paso Ports of Entry. Discussion followed.

Item 5: Bridge Management Report

Mr. Said Larbi-Cherif presented reports on Traffic and Revenue, Stanton and Paso Del Norte Project, Master Regional Ports of Entry Operation Plan, CBP's Proposed Outbound Inspection Infrastructure, BOTA pavement Repair and Rerouting of Commercial Traffic, Deployment of IPS and Duncan Parking Meters for Pilot Demonstration. Discussion followed.

Item 6: Open Comment Period

There were no open comments.

Item 7: Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Carmichael, seconded by Mr. Salom and carried to adjourn meeting.

AYES Ms. Walker, Mr. Carmichael, Ms. Caviness, Ms. Coronado, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Smola, Mr. Quintana, Mr. Salom, Mr. Ocegueda

NAYS: None

Meeting adjourned at 5:24 pm.

Approved as to form:

Said Larbi-Cherif, P.E., Board Secretary