

South Bay Cities Economic Development Directors Meeting

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Notes and Next Steps

Attendees: Greg Tsiguichi (Lawndale), Charles Felix (Lomita), Barry Waite (Carson), Yvonne Mallory (Gardena), Ted Shove & Sam Lee (El Segundo), Linda Tatum (Inglewood), Fran Fulton (Torrance), Bill Workman (Redondo Beach), Ken Robertson (Hermosa Beach), Steve Napolitano (Supervisor Knabe's office), John Parsons (SBWIB), Tod Sword (SCE), Stan Myles (AQMD), Barbara Voss (LAEDC), Jacki Bacharach (SBCCOG)

Presentation by South Bay Entrepreneurial Center Presentation –Mike Grimshaw – ppt was sent to attendees after the meeting.

Roundtable discussion of how to work most effectively together

- City Economic Development departments adversely affected by budget cuts and loss of RDA
- Understand the goals for what cities need from development
- Focus on commonalities
 - Keeping companies in the region
 - Learning from each other

Future considerations

- Business friendly policies
- Outline data needs
- How to nurture our existing businesses
- Training and education on trade and international connections
- Review criteria used for Business Friendly city
- Share booth space at expos and conferences

Next Steps

- Develop Mission statement, goals and objectives
- Understand our strengths and weaknesses
- Look locally and regionally
- Make a timeline for our activities so that we accomplish something

Next meeting – June 28 @ 10 am @ SBESC