

**SMALL BUSINESS NETWORK
PUBLIC POLICY AND DELEGATES MEETINGS**

MINUTES

April 25, 2011 - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

U. S. Small Business Administration

455 Market Street, 6th Floor

1. Public Policy Call to Order/Introductions 6:05 p.m.
A. Swanson, M. Horneff-Cohen, B. Vaccaro, J. Lampus, K. Canfield-Shepard, R. Gunn, J.J. Panzer, D. Shea, P. Christensen (staff), R. Moureau (staff)

Guests: Mark Aguilera, Chairperson of the Hispanic Chamber and Hut Landon, Executive Director SFLOMA

- A. Swanson introduced guests, and delegates introduced themselves.*
- SFCTA – J. Lampus
J. Lampus reported he attended the quarterly meeting and reported that the committee was just a vetting group; thrust of the committee is anti-car. He also attended meeting of the Van Ness Rapid Transit committee and reported that the committee claims that plans under consideration will not negatively impact parking.
 - Mirkarimi – Plastic Bag Reduction – L. Mjellem
A. Swanson gave a brief update on legislation. Still waiting for economic impact report and EIR. Monday, June 1, 2011, the Small Business Commission will have a hearing on the legislation.
 - Internet Sales Tax – B. Vaccaro
Hut Landon gave background and update on the Internet Sales Tax legislation. Big players such as Walmart and Target support the legislation. SFLOMA is working on defining what is 'nexus': three definitions of 'nexus'- physical presence, sales agents or affiliates and/or own or have control over subsidiaries. He feels confident that it will be passed this year. Once passed, next step is to put pressure on the Board of Equalization to collect the tax.
 - Avalos – Local Hiring Requiring 50% SF residents – L. Milloy
L. Milloy reported that this is not on the Chamber's short list. There has been no economic analysis of impact on enforcing legislation. Which agency would enforce/verify residency it?
 - Mirkarimi – Prescription Drug Bring Back Policy – J. Lampus
J. Lampus reported that he has sent a number of e-mails to Supervisor Mirkarimi's office and responses have been vague and non-informative. He also reported that SBN doesn't have a lot of leverage on this issue – no major stakeholders or vested interest.
 - Elections – November – L. Milloy
L. Milloy said to expect measures on pension reform, local school reform – salaries or a bond, and not much on taxes. She stated that currently there are 32 candidates, but by November there may only be 10 on the ballot.
 - Meetings with Supervisors – S. Cornell
A. Swanson reported that no new meetings have been set up on behalf of the SBN at the moment.

- Ma – AB 400 – Sick Leave – S. Cornell
Assemblywoman Ma has been asked to make some modifications to make legislation more compatible with San Francisco' sick leave legislation.
 - Chiu – 2012 Gross Receipts Tax – S. Cornell
A. Swanson reported nothing new at this point.
 - SBN Legislative Priority List
B. Vaccaro passed out a handout from the Potrero Hill Association of Merchants and Businesses with recommended issues. A. Swanson asked B. Vaccaro to chair a committee to work on priority issues for SBN. A. Swanson to ask L. Mjellem to be on committee. P. Christensen and R. Gunn to be on committee. H. Landon may be on the committee.
 - Hold - Congestion Pricing – L. Mjellem
 - Hold - Mobile Food Facilities – L. Mjellem
 - Hold - Chiu - Yellow Pages Ban – A. Swanson
3. Political Affairs Director's Report – P. Christensen
P. Christensen reported on events and meetings attended. Met with Fiona Ma whose goals are high speed rail, internet sales tax, earthquake preparedness and universal health care. She attended an event for Malia Cohen and reported that her goals are public education, mid-Market/Tenderloin payroll tax exemption.
4. Executive Director's Report – R. Moureau
R. Moureau deferred until Gala Committee report on agenda.
5. Secretary's Report – M. Horneff-Cohen
- Approval of Minutes: March 2011

MSC: P. Christensen/L. Milloy Minutes accepted as presented 7/0
6. Treasurer's Report – D. Lardie 7:30 - 7:35 p.m.
- Approval of Financials: February/March 2011
Approval moved to May meeting
7. Old Business/Committee Reports 7:40 – 7:50 p.m.
- Gala - May 12, 2011 – A. Swanson/P. Christensen
R. Moureau and P. Christensen reported on number of tables, sponsors and levels of sponsorships made to date. R. Moureau reported that the invitation and response card are on the website and that online payment has been set up. R. Moureau also reported that an e-mail went out with sponsorships geared toward small business owners – lower levels with recognition and complimentary tickets.
 - Marketing and Membership – M. Horneff-Cohen
M. Horneff-Cohen reported that the next meeting will be after the Gala.
 - SBN Candidate for Leadership SF 2011-2012
- Deadline is April 29, 2011
L. Milloy explained Leadership. A. Swanson reminded delegates about deadline for application.
 - Small Business Week May 16 - 21 – L. Milloy
L. Milloy went over the activities for Small Business Week.

8. New Business/Open Forum

- Delegates Meeting on May 23, 2011

Question put to delegates about holding May meeting.

MSC: M. Horneff-Cohen/L. Milloy

*May 23, 2011 meeting to held, but meeting agenda to be limited to two items – Gala
postmortem and legislative issues. 7/0*

9. Delegates Meeting Adjourned

8:01 p.m.