



SAN JOSE
CAPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY
Regular Meeting
of the
San José
Driving a Strong Economy Committee
held
Monday, January 30, 2006

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 1:32 P.M.

Upon motion of Member Reed, seconded by Member Nguyen, the Committee approved hearing item 4d first on the agenda, and to defer item 4f to the February 27, 2006 meeting.

4d. Joint Venture Silicon Valley Indicators (Office of Economic Development, Joint Venture)

The Committee asked Russell Hancock, CEO and President of Silicon Valley Joint Venture, to prepare a presentation for the committee on the services Silicon Valley Economic Development Alliance offers and present it at a future Committee meeting.

4a. Small Business Discussion regarding the Ambassador Program Status and the Workforce Investment Network Study Assessing What Small Businesses Need (Office of Economic Development) DEFERRED FROM DECEMBER 14, 2005

Member Reed asked that staff be sensitive with clients when English is not their native language. He also asked that they review their process when doing surveys with their clients.

Member Nguyen asked that outreach be directed to neighborhood business associations that may not be members of local chambers. Staff confirmed they would work with her office for contact information.

The Committee requested that the Ambassador Program arrange to do a presentation to the Small Business Commission, outlining the services they have for new and existing small businesses.

Blaige Zelalich, Downtown Association, commended the Ambassador Program and thanked the Committee and Council for their support.

Upon motion of Member Reed, seconded by Member Nguyen, the Committee accepted the report and cross-referenced it to the full council.

4b. Sports Progress Report (Office of Economic Development) DEFERRED FROM DECEMBER 14, 2005

Upon motion of Member Reed, seconded by Member Nguyen, the Committee accepted staff's report.

4c. Economic Impact of Downtown Entertainment and Cultural Events (Office of Economic Development) DEFERRED FROM DECEMBER 14, 2005

Upon motion of Member Reed, seconded by Member Nguyen, the Committee accepted staff's report.

4e. Small and Local Business Contracting Update (Office of Economic Development, Finance, Public Works, Redevelopment Agency)

Upon motion of Member Reed, seconded by Member Nguyen, the Committee accepted the report and cross-referenced it to the full Council.

4f. Small Business Commission Workplan Review (Office of Economic Development)

Upon motion of Member Reed, seconded by Member Nguyen, the Committee deferred this item to the February 27, 2006 committee meeting.

4g. Oral Petitions

Bill Chew, Council Candidate, stated San Jose is the best place to live and do business.

4h. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:23 P.M.

By:

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Chair Forrest Williams

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