

**Business Roundtable (BR)  
July 12, 2016  
Acorn Room  
Summary Notes**

**Call to Order** by Haider Alawami at 8:02 a.m.

**OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY**

City Clerk, Cynthia Rodriguez, administered the Oath of Office to the new Roundtable members, Cheri Blessing, John Bounds, Tyson Marshall and Ben Pumphrey.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Cheri Blessing, John Bounds, Ping Fang, Aaron Kitman, Tyson Marshall, Ben Pumphrey, Madeline Serrano Sattler

**Absent:** Carol “C. J.” Keavney, Tom Powell, Michael Schiff

**Staff:** Haider Alawami, Economic Development Manager; Cynthia Rodriguez, City Clerk; and Sandra Delgado, Customer Relations Assistant

**Others**

**Present:** Adam Haverstock, Governmental & Economic Affairs Manager, Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

1. New members, Cheri Blessing, John Bounds, Tyson Marshall and Ben Pumphrey were welcomed and asked to share their background.
2. In roundtable fashion, all other members introduced themselves and did the same.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Adam Haverstock from the Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce spoke about upcoming Chamber events:

- a. The Chamber will be recognizing young professionals at their 40 under Forty Awards.
- b. Leadership Conejo is recruiting. This year's program is set to begin September 2016.
- c. The Chamber will host a candidate forum for the Thousand Oaks City Council City Election and the State Senate 27<sup>th</sup> District seat.
- d. Hotel occupancy has seen an increase of 21%.
- e. Taste of Conejo will take place in November.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Haider Alawami distributed and reviewed the Business Roundtable Work Plan adopted by City Council in 2015 and set to expire in 2017.
- B. A new Chair and Vice Chair were selected. Aaron Kitzman is the new Business Roundtable Chair and Ping Fang is the new Business Roundtable Vice Chair.
- C. Members selected their subcommittee assignments. The assignments were made based on interest members expressed:
  - Development and Planning – Michael Schiff, Cheri Blessing and John Bounds
  - Green Business – Tyson Marshall, Ben Pumphrey and Madeline Serrano Sattler
  - Economic Development – Ping Fang, Ben Pumphrey, Aaron Kitzman, Carol "C.J" Keavney and Madeline Serrano Sattler
  - Small Business Support – John Bounds, Tyson Marshall, Cheri Blessing and Ben Pumphrey

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Development and Planning – No update.
- B. Green Business – No update.
- C. Economic Development/Small Business Support –
  - a. Ping Fang reported that he and Aaron Kitzman met with Mayor Price regarding public access to wifi on Thousand Oaks Boulevard.
- D. Signage – No update.



**BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE COMMENTS AND OPEN FORUM**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 9:05 a.m. to Tuesday, September 13, 2016, Acorn Room.

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