

Washington, DC Meetings

Monday, October 5, 2009

Pre-meeting for Industry Meetings - Led by REDCO

City Representatives: Mayor Cook and Sylvia Firth

Meeting Objective: Review objectives for industry meetings

Industry Meetings – REDCO: 4 separate meetings

City Representatives: Mayor Cook and Sylvia Firth

Meeting Objective: Attract industry to El Paso due to growth at Fort Bliss

Meeting with Staff for Senator Udall – Team El Paso on Transportation Issues

City Representative : Taylor Bengtson

Meeting Objective: Discuss transportation projects in the El Paso region (CMP, BRT, El Paso to Denver Light Rail grant application and International Commuter Rail) and energy issues (Ft. Bliss Center for Alternative Energy)

Meeting with CBP Officials - Team El Paso on Border Trade and Infrastructure

Brad Skinner, C-TPAT Director

John Wagner, Director, Passenger Automated Programs

Joe Westmoreland, Office of Congressional Affairs

David Pagan, State and Local Liason

City Representative: Taylor Bengtson

Meeting Objective: Discuss DCL issues, trade issues as well as the regional feasibility study to review the ports of entry

Veterans Affairs Committee – Healthcare Subcommittee –Team El Paso on Healthcare

City Representative: Mathew McElroy

Meeting Objective: Discuss contracting issues between the VA and MHMR as well as the healthcare professional shortage that will continue to increase due to Fort Bliss growth

Meeting with DHS Officials - Team El Paso on Border Trade and Infrastructure

David Heyman, Assistant Secretary for Policy

Stephanie Tennyson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Intergovernmental Programs

Bridger McGaw, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Private Sector Office

City Representative: Taylor Bengtson

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Meeting with AAFES – CM Reyes, REDCO, Chamber, Ft. Bliss

Joe Guiffreda

City Representatives: Mayor Cook and Sylvia Firth

Meeting Objective: Provide an update on the Lifestyle Center located at Fort Bliss

Meeting with LTG Pillsbury – CM Reyes, REDCO, Chamber, Ft. Bliss

City Representatives: Mayor Cook and Sylvia Firth

Meeting Objective: Discuss ongoing efforts at Fort Bliss to prepare for expansion

Meeting with LTG Vane – CM Reyes, REDCO, Chamber, Ft. Bliss

City Representatives: Mayor Cook and Sylvia Firth

Meeting Objective: Discuss ongoing efforts at Fort Bliss to prepare for expansion

Meeting with ACSIM/IMCOM – CM Reyes, REDCO, Chamber, Ft. Bliss

Attendees: Mayor Cook and Sylvia Firth

Meeting Objective: Discuss ongoing efforts at Fort Bliss to prepare for expansion

Tuesday, October 6th 2009

Meeting with Staff for Congressman Reyes and Congressman Rodriguez

City Representatives: Sylvia Firth, Taylor Bengtson and Mathew McElroy

Meeting Objective: Discuss transportation, healthcare, energy and border issues affecting the El Paso region. Update on Fort Bliss expansion.

Meeting with Staff for Senator Hutchison

City Representatives: Sylvia Firth, Taylor Bengtson, and Mathew McElroy

Meeting Objective: Discuss transportation, healthcare, energy and border issues affecting the El Paso region. Update on Fort Bliss expansion.

Meeting with Staff for Senator Cornyn

City Representatives: Taylor Bengtson and Mathew McElroy

Meeting Objective: Discuss transportation, healthcare, energy and border issues affecting the El Paso region. Update on Fort Bliss expansion.

Meeting with Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

City Representatives: Mayor Cook and Sylvia Firth

Meeting Objective: Discuss transportation, healthcare, energy and border issues affecting the El Paso region. Update on Fort Bliss expansion.

Meeting with Senator John Cornyn

City Representatives: Mayor Cook and Sylvia Firth

Meeting Objective: Discuss transportation, healthcare, energy and border issues affecting the El Paso region. Update on Fort Bliss expansion.

Wednesday, October 7th 2009

Meeting with John O'Donnell and Kyriakos Pagonis – Team El Paso

City Representatives: Mayor Cook, Sylvia Firth, and Taylor Bengtson

Meeting Objective: Discussion regarding the work done by federal lobbyists on behalf of the City of El Paso

Meeting with Congressman Ciro Rodriguez

City Representative: Taylor Bengtson

Meeting Objective: Discuss transportation, healthcare, energy and border issues affecting the El Paso region. Update on Fort Bliss expansion.

Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA); Office of the Secretary of Defense

City Representatives: Mayor Cook, Sylvia Firth and Mathew McElroy

Meeting Objective: Provided an update regarding the Growth Management Study, the Housing Shortage and the need for a Comprehensive Master Plan

Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee

City Representatives: Mayor Cook, Sylvia Firth and Taylor Bengtson

Meeting Objective: Discuss RTS, International Commuter Rail and Rail Runner project

Thursday, October 8th 2009

Meeting with John O'Donnell, John Montgomery and Kyriakos Pagonis

Attendees: Mayor Cook, Sylvia Firth, Taylor Bengtson, Chief Greg Allen and Chief Otto Drozd

Meeting Objective: Review meetings for the day and objectives

Meeting with COPS Acting Director David Buchanan

Attendees: Mayor Cook, Sylvia Firth, Taylor Bengtson, Chief Greg Allen and Chief Otto Drozd

Meeting Objective: Discuss future COPS funding and other funding opportunities

Meeting with Ken LaSala, International Association of Fire Chiefs, Director of Government Affairs

Attendees: Chief Otto Drozd

Meeting Objective: Discuss issues that IAFC is working on and opportunity for Chief Drozd to discuss any issues facing El Paso

Meeting with the Office of Bureau of Justice Assistance

Attendees: Chief Greg Allen and Sylvia Firth

Meeting Objective: Discuss future funding opportunities for El Paso PD

Meeting with FTA Administrator Peter Rogoff

Attendees: Mayor Cook and Taylor Bengtson

Meeting Objective: Discuss RTS and commuter rail projects

Meeting with Chairman Peter DeFazio

Attendees: Mayor Cook, Sylvia Firth and Taylor Bengtson

Meeting Objective: Discuss RTS and commuter rail projects

Meeting with US Border Patrol

Attendees: Chief Greg Allen and Chief Otto Drozd

Meeting Objective: Enhanced communication for better collaboration

Meeting with Congressman Silvestre Reyes

Attendees: Chief Greg Allen and Chief Otto Drozd

Meeting Objective: Debrief about the public safety meetings

Friday, October 9th 2009

Meeting with Don Borut, Executive Director of National League of Cities

Attendees: Mayor Cook, Chief Greg Allen and Chief Otto Drozd

Meeting Objective: Meet and greet as well as discuss Mayor's priorities

Meeting with FEMA and US Fire Administration

Attendees: Mayor Cook, Chief Greg Allen and Chief Otto Drozd

Meeting Objective: Discuss future grant opportunities, UASI funding as well as the Urban Search and Rescue program