

# **Jefferson Business Council**

## ***General Membership Meeting***

### ***January 15, 2014***

**Attendance:** Tony Ligi, William Aaron, Mickal Adler, Buck Barkley, Eric Bosch, Bobby Brannon, Barry Breaux, Dan Cahoon, Melissa Gibbs, Lee Giorgio, Lucien Gunter, Sr., Sarah Louise Ham, Mike Hollis, Louis Hose, James Hudson, Louis Lauricella, Pat LeBlanc, Todd Matherne, Cocie Rathborne, Joey Richard, Stan Salathe, Jack Stumpf, Bruce Wainer, Robert Weinmann, Bert Wilson

#### **I. Opening Remarks Bert Wilson**

Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order and introduced guest speakers, Louisiana Secretary of State Tom Schedler and Alice Glenn, Executive Director of the of the Louisiana Restaurant Association Education Foundation.

#### **II. Louisiana Secretary of State Tom Schedler**

Secretary of State Schedler reported that he has worked diligently to streamline and update application processes to be a more efficient and effective experience for Louisiana taxpayers. His other priorities as Secretary of State include protecting and defending the integrity of every non-partisan election honoring a preserving the history and symbols of our state, and assisting and supporting business in filing their regulation forms.

#### **Alice Glenn- LA Restaurant Association**

Ms. Glenn gave an overview of the LA Restaurants' Vision Statement which is to lead Louisiana's restaurant industry into a new era of prosperity, prominence and participation enhancing the quality of life for all we serve members and employees. Ms. Glenn spoke of the Louisiana Restaurant Association Education Foundation which mission is to enhance our community through expanded educational and career opportunities. Pro Start is a program which is a two-year foodservice management program for juniors

and seniors, which includes classroom curriculum, kitchen labs and 400 hour internship. If you have any questions, Ms. Glenn can be reached at [aglenn@lra.org](mailto:aglenn@lra.org).

### **III. Financial Report**

Tony Ligi Actual expenditures for 2013 totaled \$168,535.05. A yearend balance of \$143,862.73 remained in the operating account as of 12/31. Also, approximately \$173,000.00 has been transferred from a savings account at Capital One to Iberia Bank.

### **IV. Old Business**

#### **Common Core Standards Resolution**

Chairman Wilson reported that Senator Appel asked the JBC to support the Common Core Standards. The JBC has been invited to join a coalition of statewide organizations and businesses including LABI, Baton Rouge Area Chamber, Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, New Orleans Area Chamber, Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, and Council for a Better Louisiana, Stand For Children, CABL, and PAR to publicly support retention of common core standards that have been adopted by our state. It was moved by Jim Hudson and seconded by Jack Stumpf to draft a resolution in support of Common Core Standards.

#### **Membership Committee**

Robert Weinmann asked the membership if they have any potential membership candidates to be considered to please email him their names.

#### **Meeting Schedule**

Chairman Wilson reported that the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. instead of 7:30 a.m.

## V. New Business

### **Construction of a new terminal for the Louis Armstrong International Airport**

Jim Hudson reported the importance of supporting the construction and financing of the flyover from I-10 W to relocated airport terminal is necessary for New Orleans to be an attractive business destination. Operational reforms implemented by Mayor Landrieu, the current airport board and Director of Aviation Iftikhar Ahmad over the past several years, along with this new construction, will finally place our airport in a position to attract more airlines and direct flights, including international flights. There was a motion by Jim Hudson and a second by Lee Giorgio to draft a JBC support flyover resolution.

### **Jefferson Parish Public Schools**

Tony Ligi discussed the possible establishment of an annual JBC recognition award recognizing outstanding efforts to advance public education and the possibility of funding a large ad in the newspaper saluting public school education in Jefferson Parish and highlighting their achievements. Mr. Ligi reported that he set a meeting with Byron LeBlanc and Jim Garvey along with Todd Murphy with the Jefferson Chamber to discuss a Public Relation Campaign relative to JPPS advances.

### **2014 Legislative Agenda**

Chairman Wilson asked that if there is a particular bill you think the JBC should be aware of to email Tony Ligi to put on the agenda.

### **Jefferson Parish Hospital Lease**

Mr. Hudson reported that the Council is meeting today to discuss. He will update the membership on the outcome of the meeting.

## VI. Reports

- GNO, Inc. Investors Report
- BGR Report

Mr. Ligi reported that both of these can be found on their websites.

## **VI. Upcoming Events**

- 1/15 at 10 am. Jefferson Parish Council Meeting(WB)  
Items of importance: Vote on Hospital lease, Vote on amendment to occupational license ordinance
- 1/22 at 3 pm. Southeast Coalition of Business Councils at Iberia Bank  
Speaker: State Rep. Retirement Committee Chair Kevin Pearson on State Pension UAL, Report by Dino Paternostro on Wetlands Mitigation Formula, Report on status of Biggert Waters Act (Meeting open to JBC membership)
- 2/6 at 8 am. Jefferson Parish Legislative Agenda meeting at JEDCO Conference Center
- 2/19 at 7:30 am. JBC general membership meeting
- 2/20 -2/22 Washington Mardi Gras
- 3/12 at 7:30 am JBC Executive Board meeting
- 3/19 at 7:30 am JBC General Membership meeting
- 3/28 at 7pm Delgado fundraiser/roast of Dr. Joe May at Harrah's Casino Dinner Theatre

## **VII. Adjournment**

**Bert Wilson**

**JEFFERSON BUSINESS COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION**

At a general membership meeting of the Jefferson Business Council held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the membership then present and attending:

**WHEREAS**, in conjunction with the construction of a new north terminal complex at the Louis Armstrong International Airport, traffic forecasts and analysis reflect that the development of a full interchange is necessary to address the long term traffic demand in this area caused by the development of the airport and the City of Kenner's growth plan in the Veterans Boulevard Area;

**WHEREAS**, it has been suggested that in order to minimize impact on a significant number of properties located in the Loyola Drive/Aberdeen Street access corridor, that fly over ramps be constructed allowing direct access to the north terminal complex from I-10 East and I-10 West;

**WHEREAS**, these ramps must be designed to meet LaDOTD, AASHTO and Federal Highway Administration standards and will also likely involve an Environmental Impact Study to be performed and such study as well as the design and construction of the proposed interchange will be conducted by the LaDOTD, the Regional Planning Commission and the Federal Highway Administration;

**WHEREAS**, the estimated cost of such project is \$87M with an estimated completion date in 2022;

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Jefferson Business Council expresses its strong support for the construction of fly over ramps allowing direct access to the north terminal complex from I-10 East and I-10 West and that all studies, designs, financing plans and construction be commenced without undue delay so as to provide unobstructed access to the north airport terminal facility as soon as can be accomplished.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the LaDOTD, the Federal Highway Administration, the Regional Planning Commission, the Mayors of the Cities of New Orleans and Kenner, the Director of Aviation of the Louis Armstrong International Airport, AASHTO and such other entities and authorities deemed by the Chairman of the Jefferson Business Council.

Attest:



BERT WILSON

CHAIRMAN

JEFFERSON BUSINESS COUNCIL