11:30 am a 11:45 am (Protocolo)
Ceremonia de Apertura del Cuarto Encuentro de la Asociación de Alcaldes Frontizos de la Frontera México – EEUU
Lugar: Centro de Convenciones La Cité
Bienvenida
Himno Nacional de Estados Unidos Mexicanos
Himno Nacional de Los Estados Unidos de América
Presentación del Presidium e invitados especiales

11:45 am a 12:00 pm

12:00 pm a 12:15 pm
Presentación del video: “Juárez 2010-2013”

12:15 pm a 12:30 pm
Exposición de Lic. Omar De La Torre De La Mora Titular de la Unidad de Política Migratoria

12:30 pm a 12:55 pm
Exposiciones de temas por parte de Presidentes de la Asociación de Alcaldes de la Frontera México – EEUU

12:55 pm a 1:30 pm
Sesión de preguntas y respuestas

1:30 pm a 3:30 pm
Comida

3:30 pm a 3:50 pm
Conferencia Magistral de Alan Bersin Secretario Adjunto de Asuntos Internacionales y Oficial Diplomático en Jefe de la Secretaría de Seguridad Interna

3:50 pm a 4:10 pm
Conferencia Magistral de Philip Mc Namara Secretario Adjunto de Asuntos Internacionales en la Secretaría de Seguridad Interna

4:10 pm a 4:20 pm
Informe del Director Ejecutivo de la Asociación y Alcalde de El Paso TX- John F. Cook

4:20 pm a 4:30 pm
Nombramiento del Nuevo Presidente en turno de la Asociación de Alcaldes de la Frontera México – EEUU

4:30 pm a 5:00 pm
Cuarto Encuentro Binacional
DE LA ASOCIACIÓN DE ALCALDES DE LA FRONTERA MÉXICO - EEUU
2013 Ciudad Juárez Chihuahua

PROGRAMA
MINUTES / RESOLUTION

Mayor Héctor Murguía Lardizábal hosted the 4th Binational Summit of the U.S. – México Border Mayors Association on Friday, May 24, 2013 in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, México. The marquee speakers at the event were U.S. Department of Homeland Security Assistant Secretary of International Affairs and Chief Diplomatic Officer Alan Bersin, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs Philip McNamara, and Governor of the State of Chihuahua César Duarte Jáquez.
Border Mayors

John F. Cook Ing. Héctor Murguía Lardizábal  
Mayor of El Paso, Texas Mayor of Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua  
Executive Director Chair

Ken Miyagishima Francisco Pérez T  
Mayor of Las Cruces, New Mexico Mayor of Mexicali, Baja California

Maritza Hurtado Carlos Bustamante  
Mayor de Calexico, California Mayor of Tijuana, Baja California

John Ferguson Ramón Guzmán Muñoz  
Mayor de Presidio, Texas Mayor de Nogales, Sonora

Madeleine Praino Desiderio Urteaga  
Mayor de Vinton, Texas Mayor de Anahuac, Nuevo Leon

Javier Perea Jaime Domínguez Loya  
Mayor of Sunland Park, Nuevo México Mayor de Ascensión, Chihuahua

Alan Krieger Tomas Archuleta Rodríguez  
Mayor de Yuma, Arizona Mayor of Guadalupe, D.B, Chihuahua

Mario López, Director of Binacional Affairs Ramón Jurado Bojorquez  
representing Mayor Bob Filner of San Diego, California Mayor of Balleza, Chihuahua

Ignacio Leonel Varela Rafael Martínez  
Mayor of Carichi, Chihuahua Mayor of Cuauhtémoc, Chihuahua

José Mendoza Grado Mario Mata Carranco  
Mayor of Janos, Chihuahua Mayor of Delicias, Chihuahua

Jesús Manuel Ortega Marco Mata Carrasco  
Mayor of Namiquipa, Chihuahua Mayor of Delicias, Chihuahua

Carlos Iriarte Mercado  
Mayor of Huixquilucan, Estado de México

Special Guests Invited:

Lic. Cesar Horacio Duarte Jáquez Lilia Merodio  
Governor of the State of Chihuahua Senator in México

Lic. Omar De La Torre De La Mora Cesar Guerrero  
Representative of the Migratory Policy Unit Representative of the Secretariat of the Secretariat of the Federal Government of Public Education

Ian Brownlee Jacob Prado  
Consul General of the United States of America Consul General of México in Cd. Juárez

Eugenio Rodríguez Lic. Alex Dominguez  
Representative of the Governor of Durango Representative of Congress of the Union
Meeting was followed with a video on the reduction of violence in Ciudad Juárez and the positive socioeconomic changes to include the inauguration of the Plaza de la X.

Governor of the State of Chihuahua César Duarte Jáquez addressed the attendees.

Lic. Omar De La Torre De La Mora, Titular de la Unidad de Política Migratoria, made a presentation on immigration policy.

Mayor Bob Filner from San Diego, California, addressed the attendees via video conference. He apologized for not being present and proceeded to talk about the importance of the association and the binational relationships in México and the United States and for the two countries to be one region. He requested a leadership position in the association and explained that he would be honored to be the chair for the United States.

At this time, Mayor Murguía opened the dialogue amongst the border mayors.

Mayor Cook opened the dialogue by explaining that the reason the association was created back in 2010 was the need to have a unified voice in both the United States and México in border issues. Significant resolutions have been passed at both of the last meetings held in Tijuana and San Diego. In San Diego, the resolution passed was in support of private-public partnerships and public-public partnerships with the federal government to promote trade and reduce border wait times and the negative economic impacts in both countries. In Tijuana, the most significant resolution unanimously approved was pro-trade and one part of it was that risk segmentation should begin in México.

The theme of today’s summit should be border trade, the challenges that we face and provide recommendations.

Mayor Francisco Pérez of Mexicali, Baja California, gave a presentation on the problem they face with deportations from the United States for a total of 43,283 deportees in the region of Mexicali and Tijuana. Especially with 33% of them being ex-convicts, 5,342 deportees (presentation on file with minutes). They are also faced with deportees from Guatemala, Ecuador and El Salvador.

Mayor Cook explained that in his recent meeting with Alan Bersin, he explained that the Immigration Reform legislation that will be considered in the next 90 days addresses that issue and calls for deportees to go back to the country of origin and for the U.S. to stop dumping at the border and send them back into Central México or county of origin. The new legislation would prohibit from sending someone back to a place that is not their country of origin.

Mayor Carlos Bustamante from Tijuana, Baja California, agreed with Mayor Pérez and added that one of the biggest problems is that they are not informed ahead of time by the United States that they will be deporting ex-convicts. They are not provided any information at all, such as name and type of crime, etc.
Mayor Murguía recommended that this issue with deportees should have a formal protocol and be added to the issues to be lobbied in Washington.

Mayor Alan Krieger from Yuma, Arizona, shared his experience during his last visit in Washington where the Under Secretary of the Department of Commerce in Washington DC and reminded him that group after group goes to Washington to lobby over relatively the same issue and even though there is money, a singular message from the border is much more efficient. He proceeded to recommend that the association put together a mechanism and collaborate with cities, counties, and states to bring a singular message relative to tourism and trade that would benefit both countries. Create a subcommittee from this association that can bring together a singular message from the border and take it to the Department of Commerce in Washington and their counterpart in México.

Mayor Murguía reiterated that the formation of a committee is a good recommendation to be added.

Mayor Tomas Archuleta Rodríguez of Guadalupe, Chihuahua, requested that the Tornillo Port of Entry be funded and completed by the Mexican side for the mutual economic benefit of both countries.

Mayor Carlos Bustamante of Tijuana, Baja California, reiterated that the Secretaria de Gobernacion in Mexico has already allocated funding to assist with the deportee situation.

Mayor Jaime Domínguez Loya of Ascensión, Chihuahua, petitioned for the modernization, enlargement and 24 hour service at the Santa Teresa – Palomas Port of Entry.

Mayor José Mendoza Grado of Janos, Chihuahua, petitioned for the extension of hours of the agricultural offices at the Antelope Wells Port of Entry in the United States as they currently close at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Javier Perea of Sunland Park, Nuevo México, requested the support from the association to build a port of entry in Sunland Park that would help alleviate the border wait times in El Paso and Santa Teresa. The City of Sunland Park has set aside $10 million.

Mayor Murguía agreed that there is a need for an additional crossing and added that a port of entry between Cd. Juárez and Sunland Park would be extremely beneficial.

Mayor Maritza Hurtado of Calexico, California, requested their support and assistance to their dire need for a new Port of Entry as they currently face anywhere from 1½ to 3 hour wait for vehicles and pedestrians.

Mayor Cook formalized the process with the following motions and read them into the record:

1. Motion to support the City of Calexico’s request to organize the national port in order to relieve the wait times. (Hurtado, Bustamante)
2. Motion to support the efforts to open an international crossing at Sunland Park, New Mexico. (Perea, Praino)
3. Motion to call on the governors of New Mexico and Chihuahua to support the efforts of modernization and enlargement to facilitate trade between the U.S. and México at the Palomas port of entry. (Domínguez Loya, Alan Krieger).
4. Motion to call on the federal government of México to advance the construction of the international crossing at the Tornillo port of entry. (Archuleta Rodríguez, Praino)
5. Motion to call upon the U.S. to end their practice or deporting criminals without notifying the receiving municipality on the names of the criminals and nature of crime. (Bustamante, Krieger)
6. Motion to approve the resolution below which introduces the concept of Project-21 for expedited treatment to C-TPAT and FAST certified companies when crossing the international borders.
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the growth of cross-border trade is vital to the economic future of both the United States and México, as defined in 2012 by U.S.-México Trade of $500 Billion, and compared to $460 Billion in 2011; $390 Billion in 2010; and $300 Billion in 2009. This growth continues even though excessive wait times are impacting all major border regions, which damages the national economic output for both nations with annual losses of billions of dollars;

WHEREAS, the U.S. - México Border Mayors Association has declared that ‘the Reduction of Border Wait Times’ is a most critical priority for the economic future of the Border, which is also vital to the national economy of both Nations and Global Trade;

WHEREAS, “Project-21” and the equivalent in México of “Frontera-21” are positioned to fulfill a Model Port to serve both the United States and México; To facilitate cross-border trade; to increase the enrollments in the respective programs of each nation for C-TPAT and NEEC; and to provide expedited processing for trusted participants of these programs;

WHEREAS, a unique historical first of a Dedicated Lane with the integration and interoperability of all applied systems has proven to eliminates Wait Times for certified shipments on the México-side of the Border, which includes effective Risk Segmentation for the passages thru the Customs Services of both nations;

WHEREAS, this collaboration by both Customs Services and the coordinated integration of best practices in both cross-border Logistics and Security by trusted trade partners can deliver the value and benefits to all border regions;

WHEREAS, efficient and reliable on-time passages of Project-21/Frontera-21 make ‘Just-In-Time’ and ‘Bill-To-Order’ manufacturing possible, which enables unrivaled improvements in Security and Global Competitiveness that can be applied to all border regions;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE U.S. - MÉXICO BORDER MAYORS ASSOCIATION that Project-21/Frontera-21 be recognized as a Model Port concept that can increase the efficiency of existing cross-border infrastructure and mobilize the collaboration between government and the trade community to deliver an effective Public-Private Partnership… and to fulfill the mandate for the Model Border of the 21st Century.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the U.S. – México Border Mayors Association that all motions and the separate resolution for Project-21 be approved and presented to the leadership of the federal governments of the United States of America and the Republic of México.

Mayor Krieger requested that the motions and resolutions be refined into one and categorized by topic such as infrastructure, trade, immigration, etc.

Mayor Cook agreed and added that he will put the packet together and send it to all border mayors for final approval so that it may be presented to the federal governments of both the U.S. and México.

Mayor Murguía recommended that the resolutions and motions cover all aspects of trade for private and commercial traffic.

At this point, additional motions were made and approved.

Mario López, Director of Binational Affairs representing Mayor Bob Filner of San Diego, California, recommended that the association solicit the opportunity for a member of the Association to participate in the Joint Working Committee that currently has members from Washington DC and México dealing with border issues and their communities.

Mayor Murguía recommended that the elected Chairs select the representative from the association to participate in the Joint Working Committee.
Mayor Desiderio Urteaga of Anahuac, Nuevo Leon, requested support in bringing investments to the city of Anahuac.

Mayor Murguía recommended that the request to strengthen and increase investments be included for all border cities as it will benefit both countries.

Mayor John Ferguson of Presidio, Texas, petitioned for support to request the U.S. Department of Agriculture to consider reopening the cattle section facility in Ojinaga, Chihuahua, as the facility was closed in 2012 due to security concerns. A temporary section facility was opened but it has resulted in a drastic reduction of cattle imported from Chihuahua.

Mayor Ramón Guzmán Muñoz of Nogales, Sonora, explained that the United States invested $300 million to build a new bridge in Nogales but requested the assistance in getting the funding from México as nothing has been done in the Mexican side. He also requested assistance in obtaining the annual funding from the Mexican government to combat the insecurity in their respective cities; they have been receiving $10 million pesos for the last five years.

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Mayor Murguía requested that it be included for all the member cities in the México. He proceeded to give statistics on the 1,000% decrease of monthly murders in Cd. Juárez from when he took office three years ago to now.

Mayor Francisco Pérez from Mexicali, Baja California, provided his statistics on the decrease of violence in Mexicali as well.

Mayor Cook closed by explained that he will put the 10 motions and resolutions in its final format and will send it to all border mayors.

Mayor Murguía thanked all the attendees for their attendance.

At this point, it was explained that new leadership has to be elected for the association.

Mayor Cook proceeded to nominate Mayor Bob Filner of San Diego, California, as Chair of the Association representing the border cities in the United States.

Mayor Bustamante nominated Mayor Francisco Pérez from Mexicali, Baja California, as Chair of the Association representing the border cities in México.

Mayor Cook explained that the next meeting should be held in the United States as they alternate cities between México and the United States and schedule for some time in October of this year. He asked for volunteers and explained that the host city coordinate with him to inform all border mayors.

Mario López, Director of Binational Affairs representing Mayor Bob Filner of San Diego, California, expressed Mayor Filner’s wish to host the next Binational Summit in San Diego.

Mayor Murguía closed this session of the meeting and thanked all attendees again.

During the lunch, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Assistant Secretary of International Affairs and Chief Diplomatic Officer Alan Bersin gave introductory remarks and an update on the U.S. – México relations and bilateral agenda as it is developing with the new administration between President Peña Nieto and the United States.

This was followed by U.S. Department of Homeland Security Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs Philip McNamara addressed the group.

Meeting and lunch adjourned at 4:00 p.m.