

MINUTES
Thursday, March 12, 2009
Scripps Ranch Library
6-8 p.m.

Present:

Co-chairs: Stephen Cushman, Cheryl Kendrick

Task Force Members: Bill Evans, Mark Steele, Susie Baumann, Charles Black, Gordon Boerner, Pete Garcia, Diane Takvorian, Bob Nelson, Mike McDowell, Fred Maas, Lani Lutar

Absent:

Task Force Members: Vincent Mudd, Richard Bartell, Lorena Gonzalez, Patrick Duffy

MCTF Staff Present: Cynthia Olmstead

1. **Call to Order:** Co-chair Cushman, 6:20 p.m.

Co-chair Cushman addressed the following topics:

Task force needs to look at where San Diego wants to play in the first class convention center business. Do we want to compete with Las Vegas and Orlando?

Co-chairs are hoping to be in a position at the next meeting to have enough of an understanding to make a motion on if there should be further discussion on expanding the San Diego Convention Center or not.

2. **Non- Agenda Public Comment:**

- Gary Knight- Support of expansion
- Dustin Steiner- Support of expansion
- Letter read aloud from Barbara Warden- Support of expansion

3. **Action Item: Approval of minutes from February 24, 2009**

- Approval by all task force members

4. **Presentations**

- a. **The San Diego Convention Center Expansion Opportunity**
 - Michael Hughes, Tradeshow Week
- b. **Follow-up to Questions 4 and 5 from Feb. 24, 2009 meeting**
 - Steven Johnson, San Diego Convention Center Corporation

5. **Adjournment:** 8 p.m.