

# Dreamcatcher

Official Weekly Newsletter for the 2005 El Paso Regional Economic Summit

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What a Summit! It was great having the entire regional community together. A special thanks to the Steering Committee and the Subcommittees that put in the many hours to see this gathering meet a successful conclusion. Now its time to get down to work. The six advisory cabinets will form ***THE EL PASO LYCEUM*** that will be entrusted to continue the momentum of the Summit into reality. Here's a summary of what were the outcomes of the Summit:

## **MANUFACTURING**

The State of Chihuahua is understood, as the manufacturing center of the region and Southern New Mexico and West Texas needs to play a stronger role as a supplier and other support roles to flourish within this cluster. Opportunities for auto manufacturing for El Paso was also broached.

## **MEDICAL**

It was stated that all sectors of the Medical community need to harness their collective resources to make El Paso the Medical Mecca for the region. Only in this fashion can the Medical Center of the Americas be established.

## **MILITARY**

BRAC recommendations were discussed, but the influx of troops brought forth the dialogue for the improvement of infrastructure and services to accommodate the new troops and their families.

## **NEXT GENERATION ECONOMY**

El Paso has the immense opportunity to become the Research Hub of this tri-state region. With the emerging possibilities in advanced manufacturing (e.g., biotech and nanotechnologies), El Paso can return to the prosperous status it was at from the 1930s to the 1960s.

## **TOURISM**

Focusing on one venue, or that one magic bullet, is not the answer, but coordinating short, intermediate and long-range tourism goals will advance El Paso's image and identity.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Transportation issues, in best practices, should be placed in local control. The feasibility of the creation of a Regional Mobility Authority (RMA) was proposed. In addition, rail yard relocation must be done to benefit the three states equally and the reinstatement of the Regional Intermodal Rail Project was also discussed.

In the short future, the Mayor will announce his appointments to the respective cabinets—Manufacturing, Medical, Military, Next Generation Economy, Tourism and Transportation. In addition, the top three officers of each cabinet (e.g., Chair, Vice Chair, and Asst. Chair) will comprise of the Economic Development Cabinet that will also meet to guarantee the clusters are sharing information and are on the same page. All this information will be placed on the Mayor's webpage soon, including the final analysis and video footage of the Summit.

With the end of the Summit, this will be the last issue of the ***Dreamcatcher*** newsletter, but will continue next month as the ***Dream Maker*** newsletter that will highlight the news and other pertinent information of all the cabinets.

Always remember, the stars are lining up—it's our time to shine!



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