

Pima County Small Business Commission  
County Administration Building  
130 W. Congress, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
3:00 P.M.

Members Present

Tom Ward  
Lea Marquez  
Pat Taviss  
Ken Goodman  
Jerry Long

Edie Lake  
Joy Soler  
Lyra Done  
Jim Leader, Jr.

Others Present

Catherine Strickland  
Aurora Hernandez

**Call to order**- The meeting was called to order at 3:05 by Tom Ward, Chairman.

**Minutes**- from the October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting were approved, unanimously.

**Lea Marquez- Peterson**- gave a report re: meeting with Lisa Lovallo. She spoke with Ms. Lovallo about the possible assistance of TREO in the relocation of the SBDC (Small Business Development Center). Ms. Lovallo did not think it was realistic for the assistance to happen

**Chairman's Report-**

***SBDC RFP-*** There was only one bid received by the SBA for the relocation of the Pima County SBDC. The SBA evaluation committee is reviewing the bid and will be making a decision in the near future.

***ADOT Letter of Commendation-*** Mr. Ward shared a letter of commendation and gratitude from ADOT. The Commission was instrumental in assisting ADOT during the I-10 road widening project.

***Preparation for the February Public Hearing-*** the Commissioners selected three members to meet with Mr. George Widugiris to discuss procurement issues. The committee will consist of Ken Goodman, Edie Lake and Jim Leader, Jr. The Chairman will write the report to be discussed by the full Commission at the January 2010 meeting; after which the Commission will hold a public hearing to hear testimony on professional services procurement in Tucson. The Commissioners will be the hearing officers. The issue of publicity was discussed. Suggestions were made to send letters to all Pima County professional services vendors registered with the County Procurement office. Also talk shows with Bill Buckmaster, John C. Scott, and Jim Parisi, local radio talk show hosts. The Chairman would like all preliminary meetings and the hearing itself to be

completed in the next 90 days. The Chairman will make meeting arrangements for the select committee meeting.

***Spring and Fall Public hearing topics-*** It was suggested that the Spring hearing (April) be on the State legislature, the Fall topic could be small business organizations working together with the Commissions and local chambers.

***Small Business Commission Award-*** discussion was on what type of award was to be presented. The design will be left to the JTED students under Mr. Long's guidance.

**Report on JTED-Ken Goodman-** JTED is now becoming a role model for local academia. Many local school districts would like to become a part of JTED.

**Other Commissioner's reports-** Joy Soler announced Shop 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue on Black Friday, November 27. Keep it Local.

**Call to the Public-** no one present.

**Meeting adjourned 4:45 PM**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Aurora Hernandez  
Recording Secretary**