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Pima County Small Business Commission
County Administration Building
130 W. Congress, 1st Floor
Thursday, May 20th, 2010
2:00 P.M.

Members Present

Tom Ward
Ken Goodman
Lyra Done
Lea Marquez-Peterson
Edie Lake
Pat Taviss

Others Present

Tom Moulton
Hank Atha

Members Absent

Jim Leader, Jr.
Jerry Long
Joy Soler

Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ward at 2:15 pm.

Introductions and announcements Chairman Ward announced Supervisor Ramon Valadez has appointed two new members to the Commission. Patricia Brown, and Dabney Philabaum. Ms. Brown owns a machine shop and Ms. Philabaum is an art gallery owner. Both will be present at the June meeting. The Commission looks forward to working with a full Commission.

Approval of Minutes-Minutes from April 15 meeting were approved, unanimously

Chairman's Report

- **Development Services**- Last months suggestions to the proposed changes in policy were addressed by Development Services within 4 days. The new language reads, "The fee ordinance charges will apply to applications submitted on or after each of the phase effective dates."
- **AZ Film Incentive**- Bill 1409 was approved by the Senate Committee, but not the House. The Bill is not completely dead and may be revisited in the future if they reconvene again this summer in Special session.

The suggestion was made for the individual Commissioners contact their legislators personally to ask if there is a Special Session to include this on the agenda.

- **Procurement Policy**- one of the suggested changes was the number of members on the QCL panel. The suggestion was made "*no less than three or more than five members on the panel*", and that was approved by County Administrator, Mr. Huckelberry.
- **CRSPS**- the *Committee to Review State Procurement Statutes* is a Committee being put together to review Title 34 and work on any changes suggested at the Procurement Hearings in February . The Committee would be composed of at least 5 SBC members, 4 professional services members, 2 local firms in Pima County, and 2 national firms with local offices. Since any changes will affect all of Arizona the SBC would like to have more time to work on this. The following statement was prepared by Chairman Ward, "*the committee would prepare recommendations for legislative action at the 2012 legislative session. The recommendations would respond to the findings in the report as well as other concerns that might arise during our work. The Commission will hold one or more public hearings to learn the sentiments of the professional services community. The final report will be made to the BOS in October 2011, so that it can be sent to the*

recommendations of the modifications of the Title 34 and the changes to the legislature in its' January 2012 session."

Tom Moulton- Directors Report

Mr. Moulton spoke about the Bond Committee. They are continuing to meet and discuss the projects that were approved by the individual sub-committees. The full committee will have the opportunity to discuss the projects. Since there are more projects than bond funds this is anticipated to be a long discussion.

TREO- has been thru a process of adopting a new model. Mr. Atha reported TREO is trying to get the private sector more involved, since the City and County budgets have been cut back substantially. TREO is working on several retention projects, there are several firms of significant size to try to keep here in Tucson. There are several firms staying and relocating employees and families here. TREO works with the incentives and development services, they work as "brokers" for these larger companies.

Other Commissioners Reports:

Small Business Award- Ms. Lake, Ms. Taviss, and Ms. Soler will continue to work on the Award for 2011.

Southern Arizona Chambers Alliance (SACA) - Ms. Marquez-Peterson spoke about SACA, they now have 8 Chambers participating consisting of 4000 members, 2500 from Pima County. Lea will update SBC on when they will be ready to have a meeting with the SBC.

JTED- Mr. Goodman would like to continue following JTED and the work they are doing with the students. MAC has a very nice story and picture on their website about the award.

Construction Industry- Mr. Goodman – would like to address the 49% loss in the construction industry. What can the SBC do to help? The problem seems to be with the banking industry, there is no credit being extended. Mr. Goodman would like to take a look at what can be done by the Commission.

Upcoming Projects- Projects were discussed during the meeting as to what to work on in the coming year. Projects suggested were:

1. Chambers forum
2. Procurement Policies re: Title 34 (CRSPS)
3. Small Business Award 2011

Chairman Ward will compose a memo for the June meeting regarding the upcoming projects for next year.

Call to the Public- Lea gave a report on a recent meeting of the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Mexican Chambers, business organizations and all the tourism groups in Hermosillo, Mexico. The National Federation of Tourism flew down from Mexico City and was very appreciative of the Chambers to meet with them. The meeting was held to ask the Mexican Chambers not to boycott Arizona businesses. She has met with Denver and other Hispanic Chambers. The Chambers are addressing the Boycott.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM