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Pima County Small Business Commission
County Administration Building
130 W. Congress, 1st Floor
Thursday, July 15, 2010
3:00 P.M.

Members Present

Tom Ward
Ken Goodman
Lyra Done
Lea Marquez-Peterson
Jerry Long
Dabney Philabaum
Joy Soler
Patricia Brown
Pat Taviss
Edie Lake

Others Present

Catherine Strickland

Members Absent

Jim Leader, Jr.

Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ward at 3:00 pm.

Introductions and announcements- Introductions were made. Pat Brown the newest member of the Commission introduced herself. Ms. Brown is the owner of Machining Concepts Inc.

Approval of Minutes- Minutes from June 17 meeting were discussed, Corrections to the June minutes were made. Changes approved.

Annual report to the Board of Supervisors- the annual report to the Board of Supervisors has been reviewed by the Board, and Mr. Huckelberry would like a presentation by Chairman Ward, The report will be on the BOS Agenda on Tuesday, August 3rd at 9:00 AM. Chairman Ward would like the Commissioners to be there at the Board meeting.

Commissioner resignation- Jim Leader has resigned from the Commission. He will be sending an official resignation letter. Chairman Ward will speak to Supervisor Day to find a replacement.

August Meeting- There will be no meeting in August. The Commission will reconvene in September.

Catherine Strickland- Directors Report

Bond Committee- the Bond Advisory Committee has been meeting to work on their recommendations to present to the Board of Supervisors. The next scheduled meeting is September 17, 8:00 AM at the Manning House. (Public Welcome) They will meet August and September to list the projects that they will recommend to the Board for the final selection of projects that will go on the Bond Election in 2011.

MTCVB- has been meeting with CVB consultant John Uhas to update the 5 year strategic plan for marketing Tucson; Pima County has been involved in the process. Results will be available in August.

Film Incentive Program-the Bill to reinstate the Film Incentive Programs will be reintroduced at the next legislative session. The SBC will continue to support the Bill.

NEW BUSINESS-

Response to the Boycott- the Resolution to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Boycott was discussed by the Commission. The BOS is having issues coming up with what position to take on the Boycott of AZ business. The SBC has taken a stand to oppose the boycott. Chairman

Ward passed out copies of the Resolution for the Commissioners to review. The Commission agreed to strike the last WHEREAS *relating to the 70% of the citizens of the State of Arizona have approved of the subject Legislation.* Motion on the Resolution passed 9-1 with changes.

NAWBO-(National Assoc. of Women Business Owners) Pat Taviss and Lea Marquez Peterson are active members of NAWBO and the liaisons for the SBC. Pat Taviss won this year's *Unsung Hero Award* from NAWBO. On July 6, 2010, Korina Gregg, President of NAWBO, gave a presentation to the BOS on NAWBO's new guidelines (a copy was distributed to the Commission) and the Chairman has asked Ms. Taviss to give a presentation to the Commission at the next meeting.

SACCA- Southern Arizona Chambers of Commerce Alliance Lea Marquez Peterson is the Chairman of SACCA and will also be giving a presentation at the September meeting.

OTHER COMMISSIONERS REPORTS-

Ken Goodman is the Vice-Chair for the CRSPS Committee. He will be contacting the *American Institute of Architects* and the American Council of Engineering Companies to seek advice on the selection of A&E firms to serve as additional members for CRSPS, and have a report in September. Chairman.Ward will be asking AIA and ACEC to be ex-officio members of CRSPS...

COTSBC- Commissioner Goodman is also the liaison for the City of Tucson Small Business Commission (COTSBC). The COT SBC had a meeting this month. The COT SBC is far behind compared to PCSBC. It was suggested they go to their Council members and speak to the folks who appointed them to let them know what needs to be done. They have some good people on their Commission who can do good things. It was also suggested to give an award and give recognition to bolster awareness of the group. The next meeting will be at the end of July.

City Of Tucson- just passed certificate of occupancies to grandfather in businesses that have been approved since 2005 and older making it easier for businesses to move in. They also passed City Charter changes.

JTED- Commissioner Goodman also reported on JTED. There is a new eastside campus being built and JTED is expanding. There are now 26,000 students in Pima County this semester on a \$19 million dollar budget. These are students staying in their own school districts and winning awards. Quite the success story! The students are learning great trades: automotive, culinary, animal husbandry, and cosmetology, among other trades. These are working trades and our JTED district is the best in the State. The SBC has been very instrumental in the success of JTED.

PROP 107- Civil Rights Initiative- this would eliminate preferential treatment for Minority Owned and Women owned business. Ms. Marquez-Peterson would like to have a resolution against PROP 107. Lea will get information for Chairman Ward and they will draft a Resolution to discuss at the September meeting.

Restaurant Stakeholders Group- Development Services from the City and County and the Pima County Health Department are meeting with Chambers, business groups and restaurants owners to assist in the development of restaurants and, health regulations permitting, to make the transition easier to open new restaurants.

Pat Taviss suggested that an e-mail be sent to the group with quorum confirmation the day before the meeting. This will be done.

Call to the Public- no comments.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM