

Pima County Small Business Commission
Bank of America Building
33 N. Stone Ave., Suite 830
8th Floor Conference Room
Thursday, April 19, 2012
3:00 P.M.

Members Present

Ken Goodman
Lyra Done
Edie Lake
Dabney Philabaum
John Peck
Tom Ward
Joy Soler
Pat Brown

Others Present

Tom Moulton
Alison Solomon
Aurora Hernandez

Members Absent

John Peters
Jerry Long
Lea Marquez-Peterson

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

Pledge of Allegiance- Chairman Goodman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approvals of Minutes- The minutes from the March 15, 2012 meeting were approved, unanimously.

Revision to Chapter 11 of the Pima County Procurement Code- Chairman Goodman attended a City of Tucson SBC meeting and reports that the City of Tucson will be attempting to make the same changes on a city level. They will be using the CRSPS model. Chairman Goodman gave a presentation to the COTSBC as to how the Commission went about to make the changes. Chairman Goodman will keep the SBC posted on their progress.

Pursuit of Preference for Pima County Based General Contractors and Sub Contractors- Chairman Goodman would like to pursue similar advantages for Pima County General Contractors and Sub-Contractors. He would like to see preference points given to local contractors and sub-contractors. Commissioners Done, Lake and Vice Chairman Ward will serve on the subcommittee w/ Chairman Goodman as an ex-officio/consultant. At this point things will be put on hold for a little longer while Chairman Goodman speaks to George Widugiris from Pima County Procurement.

JTED- Chairman Goodman reported that the goal of the JTED is to plan for the future. They are making sure they can provide the services to the kids that want to join JTED. There are 5 basic points on how they can make JTED better with no funding. There is no money coming for the 9th graders. They will now have to work with what they have. Many of the courses require a lot of math and science. They will be giving academic credit to kids taking classes such as automotive, which involves a lot of math; construction requires a lot of geometry, so they will tailor the academic credits to what they are learning in JTED classes.

Economic Development Opportunities to Promote Job Growth and Retention in Pima County – there are two letters from Commissioner Peck and Vice Chairman Ward which were a response to County Administrator Huckleberry's report.

Vice-Chairman Wards' response memo to the County Administrator outlined the proposal for the Pima Prosperity Fund (PPF). He would like a vote on the proposal. Vice-Chairman Ward moved to approve the Small Business Revolving Loan Fund Report, Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously. There are still many details to work out and will be visited again at a later date. (memo encl.)

Multimedia Production Incentives Bill HB-2127- The Film Industry legislation HB 2127 has gone before the Senate and passed 16-13, it is now going to the House. This is the third year it has been attempted and this is the first time it has gotten this far.

MTCVB Audit Committee Report-Vice Chairman Ward gave a report on the Audit Committee meeting. The Committee met with the new Executive Director for the MTCVB, Brad Durad formerly of Scottsdale. He is meeting with all the Supervisors individually. The Committee is pleased with the new Director and look forward to working with him to fulfill the requirements of the Audit Committee.

Pima County Small Business Award- It was very disappointing that the Commission did not receive any nominations from the Chambers. All the Chambers were sent an e-mail asking for nominations and there were no responses. There was discussion as to how more businesses can be reached and nominated.

Vice Chairman Ward has nominated JTED. JTED meets all the criteria for the award outlined by a memo from Vice Chairman Ward. A motion was proposed by Vice Chairman Ward to accept the nomination for JTED, motion seconded by Commissioner Lake, motion carried unanimously. (memo encl.)

The Award will be presented to JTED at the May 8, Board of Supervisors Meeting. JTED student will be making the actual award.

City of Tucson Small Business Commission Report-Chairman Goodman attended the last meeting and gave the report. Debbie Chandler, who was the liaison from the COTSBC, has been appointed as the City of Tucson Economic Development Manager. Marion Hook has been appointed as the new liaison and will be attending the next Pima County SBC meeting.

The City of Tucson now has an Ombudsman. There will be future discussion as to whether the County should have one. The PCSBC will be observing to see how this may be implemented by the County.

Future Agenda Item-

- Ombudsman for Pima County
- Credit Card processing issues affecting small businesses
- Rural and unincorporated areas

Call to the Public- No response.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.