

**Pima County Small Business Commission  
County Administration Building  
130 W. Congress, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Thursday, February 16, 2012  
3:00 P.M.**

**Members Present**

Ken Goodman  
Tom Ward  
Lyra Done  
Edie Lake  
Dabney Philabaum  
John Peck-telephonically  
Jerry Long  
Lea Marquez-Peterson

**Others Present**

Tom Moulton  
Kimber Lanning  
Debbie Chandler

**Members Absent**

John Peters  
Joy Soler

**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 January 19, 2011, meeting were approved, unanimously.

**Kimber Lanning –Local First Arizona Presentation -** Kimber Lanning gave a Power Point Presentation re: Procurement in the State. She spoke about how monies stay in the State when local Vendors are chosen. Senate Bill 1344 is being proposed which has made it thru the Senate and is going to the House.

In Phoenix, they changed the procedure not the law. The threshold was \$5000.00, anything over that had to be put out for a full RFP process. With the new procedure the threshold was set to \$50,000.00 therefore giving them more leeway. Anything under \$50,000.00 they go to a listing of bidders, they get the three lowest bidders and the lowest of the three get the project. It's still a competitive process.

**Chairman's Report**

- **JTED-** Commissioner Goodman met with Bruce Wheeler who authored a bill that will attempt to bring back JTED funding for 9<sup>th</sup> graders. The Commission will attempt to get a copy of the Legislation. It is starting to get momentum Chairman Goodman has discussed this with Dr. Storm, Superintendent for Pima County JTED. With the help of folks like Jim Click, and Senator Antenori sending letters to the legislature and the Governor this may be possible. Gov. Brewer has made it very clear that she will not be restoring the funds that were cut last year. But this bill still has a possibility of passing.
- **Economic Development Opportunities to Promote Job Growth and Retention in Pima County** - a 90 page report from County Administrator C.H. Huckelberry was distributed today. The SBC has been asked to review and comment on the report by March 15. Chairman Goodman would like the Commissioners to read and review. Commissioner Marquez-Peterson commented that the request was sent to the Tucson Hispanic Chamber to comment on the report too. Her concern is why wasn't the Commission a part of the solutions that were drafted. The Hispanic Chamber is putting out a letter in response, as will the Downtown Partnership. They will be contacting Mr. Huckelberry with their suggestions.

Commissioner Peck, speaking from Ajo, has discussed this with the Ajo Chamber and will also be contacting Mr. Huckelberry as to how this will affect Ajo.

Mr. Huckelberry would like recommendations and comments on the Business Resource One Stop Center from the SBC. Vice Chair Tom Ward suggested any comments from the Commissioners should be in writing and submitted to Chairman Goodman.

Debbie Chandler stated MAC has been working with the One Stop Business Service Center for some time. She will be speaking to the Commission at a later date.

- **City of Tucson SBC-** Debbie Chandler reported the City SBC has worked with the City Council to hire an Ombudsman. The Mayor has hired a Business Advocate, Marcia Solis de Kester. She will be contacted to come speak to the Commission.
- **Revolving Loan Fund Committee-** City of Tucson will be establishing a loan fund for non-profit organizations, the Tucson Non-Profit Loan Fund. They are moving fast with funding. The origin of this fund was to assist non-profits having difficulty obtaining funds and going under. These are short term capital credit lines. Private funding is being used at this time. Eventually they would like to have long term funding.
- **CLE-** Chairman Goodman is asking if SBC should send a statement supporting Senate Bill 1344. Commissioner Marquez stated the City of Tucson is forming a task force *The Alliance for Construction Trades* is working with City Mayor and Council to put together a proposal for varying local preference for City of Tucson Businesses specifically concerning contractors and sub-contractors. The task force was formed and is now having meetings every Friday and will be reporting to the Mayor and Council at the next meeting.
- **Film Industry Legislation-SB 1170** is a bill that is very similar to the previous bill, which provides incentives to movie companies. This bill has gone thru the Senate and is on its way to the House. It will be assigned to the House Commerce Committee. The letter from last year will be re-drafted and sent to the House Commerce Committee. Disney has stepped up and is supporting the bill.
- **House Bill 2656-** The proposal to create a six member Bonding Committee, composed of representatives from Pima County, City of Tucson, Sahuarita, Oro Valley, Marana, and South Tucson. These individuals would become the Bonding Committee. The Committee would then tell the BOS what bonds can go before the public. This bill would vest the authority to the Bonding Committee instead of the local jurisdictions. The Chairman and Vice-Chair oppose the bill.
- **Proposed closure of the Tucson AZ Processing and Distribution Center-** Past-Chairman Ward wrote a letter to Legislators opposing the closure of the postal distribution center.

#### **Other Commissioners Reports**

- **Commissioner Lake-** reported on the progress of the 2012 Small Business Award. She composed a letter reminding the Chamber Presidents and the Commission to send in nominations for the Award. JTED will be making the Award for the Commission again this year.
- **Commissioner Marquez** reported on Small Business Job Creation Act-SCR 1012, personal property tax exemption, sponsored by Sen. Antenori, and is still in Committee.

**Call to the Public-** No response.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.**