

**Pima County Small Business Commission
County Administration Building
130 W. Congress, 1st Floor
Thursday, May 17, 2012
3:00 P.M.**

Members Present

Ken Goodman
Tom Ward
Lyra Done
Edie Lake
Dabney Philabaum
John Peck
Jerry Long
Pat Brown

Others Present

Tom Moulton
Patty Richardson

Members Absent

John Peters
Joy Soler

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

Pledge of Allegiance- Vice Chairman Ward led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City of Tucson Small, Minority & Women Owned Business Commission - Patty Richardson gave a report re: the City of Tucson SMWOB. Patty spoke about the issues being presented. Mobile food carts vs restaurants. Many carts are setting up business right next to existing restaurants and do not have similar facilities, such as restrooms, washbasins, etc.

Single use plastic bags task force, many communities have banned the light weight bags, and the City is reviewing the process of recycling at the originating stores. Many stores throughout the country have either banned the use or charge 5 cents a bag which help in increases recycling.

COT Ombudsman- Maricela Solis is reporting to the COTSBC, she is getting to know what the issues are that are affecting the COT Small Businesses. The PCSBC will be asking her to speak at a future SBC meeting.

COT New Economic Development Director- Debbie Chandler will be coming to speak to the SBC on behalf of the City. She formerly attended the SBC meetings representing the COTSBC.

Approvals of Minutes- The minutes from the April 19, 2012 meeting were approved, unanimously.

Directors Report- Tom Moulton spoke re the Multimedia Production Incentives Bill HB-2127- The Film Industry Legislation HB 2127 did not go through the House. This is the third year it has been attempted and this is the third year it has died.

MTCVB Audit Committee- The MTCVB now has a new director, Brian DeRaad from Scottsdale. He has been visiting all the City Leaders as well as the Board of Supervisors and city leaders from Oro Valley, and Green Valley/Sahuarita. He will be meeting w/Pima County regarding MTCVB contract.

Economic Development Opportunities to Promote Job Growth and Retention in Pima County- County Administrator CH Huckelberry will be meeting with the Caballeros Group in May. There will be a development of the Air Force/Defense Corridor adjacent to Raytheon, to increase the relationship with the Defense Department. If these companies come to Tucson they want to be ready to start up within a year. At this time there is a need for more Machinists. JTED will be contacted to see if there is a machine shop course, if not can one be implemented.

Vice-Chairman Report- Vice Chairman Ward will be attending a meeting with CH Huckelberry and will be discussing the Pima Prosperity Fund.

Pima County Small Business Award- the award was presented to Dr. Storm for JTED by the Board of Supervisors at the BOS meeting of May 08. He was very pleased with receiving the award. Supervisor Day had great praise for the JTED program as well as the Small Business Commission. There were 5 members of JTED present at the award ceremony.

SBC Commissioner Re-appointments- Jerry Long and John Peck have been reappointed for another 4 years.

Lea Marquez-Peterson has resigned. Lea was one of the founding Commissioners, and is now the President of the Tucson Hispanic Chamber, she has also been appointed to be a Small Business representative to the President. Having been the Commissioner at large Commission will be re-naming another at large member.

Chairman Goodman joined the meeting at this time and gave a report on JTED. JTED is doing what it can with what little monies they have.

Future Agenda Item-

- Ombudsman for Pima County
- Credit Card processing issues affecting small businesses
- Rural and unincorporated areas
- Appointment of new Member at Large

Call to the Public- No response.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.