

**Pima County Small Business Commission
County Administration Building
130 W. Congress, 1st Floor
Thursday, November 15, 2012
3:00 P.M.**

Members Present

Ken Goodman
Tom Ward
Lyra Done
Edie Lake
Pat Brown
Dabney Philabaum
Joy Soler
Jerry Long

Others Present

Catherine Strickland
Marion Hook

Members Absent

Hal Burns III
John Peck

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 October 18, 2012 meeting were approved, unanimously.

Library Presentation- The presentation was postponed to January due to last minute change in presenters schedule.

December Meeting- There will be no meeting in December due to Holiday schedules.

Chairman's Report-

JTED- Chairman Goodman reported on JTED. Chairman Goodman will be sending a letter supporting a change in legislation for changing the current language in the State Law that restricts JTED District from "owned and operated" to "operated by a joint technical education district" for programs in business owned/provided facilities.

Pursuit of Preference for Pima County Based General Contractors and Sub Contractors- Chairman Goodman has contacted the Directors of the Alliance of Construction Trades and The Arizona Builders Alliance, to get names of contractors who would be interested in serving on the Sub-Committee. Jim Coolish the Executive Director of the Alliance of Construction Trades will serve on the Sub-Committee along with Tom Dunn, executive director of the AZ Builders Alliance. The Sub-Committee will consist of Vice-Chairman Ward, Commissioner Done, and the two Directors.

Vice Chairman Report - The BOS has approved the TREO contract for this upcoming year. TREO now has \$500,000 in their budget for them to spend to bring in more jobs and businesses to Tucson.

Vice Chairman Ward motioned to create a sub-committee to develop a plan to help small business in outlying and rural areas. Motion carried unanimously to create the sub-committee. Chairman Goodman appointed Commissioner Peck to Chair and Vice-Chairman Ward to Vice-Chair the sub-committee. Vice Chairman Ward will contact Commissioner Peck to set up a meeting.

Green Valley Hospital- Everything seems to be in place to begin construction on the new Green Valley Hospital, it has taken 2.5 years to get the developer and Tucson Medical Center together to proceed. The Hospital will contract at least 1200 high paying jobs.

COT Small Business Commission Report- Marion Hook could not attend today's meeting because the COT is holding their meeting today due to the upcoming Holidays.

Other Commissioners Reports -

Commissioner Lake Credit Card Issues- Commissioner Lake discussed the letter to the National Retail Federation regarding the ethics issues concerning the small businesses. Commissioner Lake would like to help change the interchange fees small businesses are being charged. The National Retail Federation is involved in litigation against Visa, Master Card and other credit card companies.

Vice Chairman Ward will work with Commissioner Lake to prepare a letter to present to the Board of Supervisors, and forward to all the local chambers in an attempt to garner support and see if something can be done.

Vice-Chairman motioned to accept Commissioner Lakes' letter for forwarding to the BOS and local chambers. Motion carried unanimously.

Candidates for upcoming election- Commissioner Lake nominated Chairman Goodman for Chairman and Vice Chairman Ward for Vice Chairman. Motion approved unanimously. Election will be held at January meeting.

Future Agenda Items- Ombudsman will be taken off the future agenda items to give time for the City of Tucson to work out their issue and then it will be brought back again in the future.

Member at Large election- Nomination for Lyra Done to be appointed as member at large. This will be addressed at the January meeting.

Call to the Public- No response

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.