

Pima County Small Business Commission
County Administration Building
130 W. Congress, 1st Floor
Thursday, July 18th, 2013
3:00 P.M.

Members Present

Ken Goodman
Tom Ward
Lyra Done
Gabrielle David
Jerry Long
Shelby Hawkins
Mark Finchem
Joy Soler

Others Present

Patrick Cavanaugh
Aurora Hernandez
Marion Hook

Members Absent

Dabney Philabaum
Edie Lake
Pat Brown

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 June 20th, 2013 meeting were approved, unanimously.

Pima County Coordinator's Report- Patrick Cavanaugh- no report

Chairman's Report- JTED- Chairman Goodman reported on JTED. The Bill allowing JTED to use facilities that are NOT JTED owned passed. This will allow buildings not owned by JTED to be used for training. This will save a lot of money on rent that can be used for other projects JTED would like to implement. The SBC wrote a letter to the Legislature supporting the passing of this bill.

It was proposed by Commissioner Finchem to have JTED students and teachers at the BOS meetings for a quick talk about JTED to give the program more exposure. Patrick Cavanaugh will be contacting the County Administrator and the BOS with the suggestion to have a student and teacher on a quarterly basis.

Vice Chairman Report -Pima Prosperity Fund- Vice Chairman Ward spoke about the Pima Prosperity Fund memo from the County Administrator. Vice Chairman has drafted a Resolution to go before the BOS. A meeting was held with Deputy County Administrator Hank Atha, Tom Moulton and the county attorney to discuss the proposal and its legalities. Some of the issues discussed were..

- Loan Committee- the loan board will be a non-profit corporation
- Loans and processing- applications will be handled by an "outside" person not county employees
- Business Development Finance Corporation- BDFC has been contacted to possibly handle the application process and Gary Molenda is very happy to have the opportunity to participate
- Setting up the Foundation-a pro-bono attorney will be asked to set up the Foundation
- SBC Chairman will still be on the panel as ex-officio

The objective is to have the Resolution before the BOS in September.

A& E Local preference update- Vice Chairman Ward spoke to Pima County Procurement, and the changes to the Preference Point system has made a difference. The procurement report for the first quarter has shown an increase of 60%. Of the 5 procurement bids, 3 went to local small businesses. Vice Chairman has attempted to do the same for the Job Order Contractors (JOC) and has been met with very little enthusiasm. There does not seem to be much interest in obtaining preference points for the JOCs, but that's what we heard about the A&E.

Annual Report- the 4th Annual Report will be presented to the Board, August 6, 2013. The Report will have 2 sections, the accomplishments from last year and the future projects. Some of the accomplishments last year were the

- Ajo trip, Patrick Cavanaugh will write up a short report
- Credit card processing letter sent to the National Retail Federation
- Report to the BOS on the Implementation of the Pima Prosperity Fund

2013 SBC Award Nomination/Evaluation-the Commission reviewed the nominations for the SBC Annual Award. Two awards had to be picked one for an urban small business and one for a rural small business. Fifteen nominations were received, of the 15 nominations 5 were for rural businesses and 10 were for urban. After carefully reviewing, discussing and consideration a final vote was taken and the rural winner was Second Generation, Inc. dba Ajo Transportation; and The Casa de los Niños Thrift Store won the urban award. The plaques which will be made again this year by the Flowing Wells JTED, and \$500.00 cash awards sponsored by Supervisor Bronson and Economic Development & Tourism Department will be presented at the September 3rd, Board of Supervisors meeting.

Summer Schedule- The month of August will be taken off for vacations. Motion to take August off was made by Chairman Goodman, seconded by Lyra Done, passed unanimously.

COT Small Business Commission Report- No meeting due to lack of quorum, so Ms. Hook did not have a report.

Other Commissioners Reports – Commissioner Soler reported that the city is replacing the bicycle racks on Fourth Avenue that had been removed due to the street car construction. More racks will be forthcoming to businesses along Fourth Avenue.

Commissioner Brown- spoke about a storm drain water permit required by ADEQ for machine shops. After discussing it with Pima County DEQ, she decided to contact here Legislator to see if there is anything that can be done to change Legislation.

Future Agenda items-

- Pima County Sheriff's Department relationship with small businesses
- 5th Annual Small Business Award, rural and unincorporated areas
- Rural Businesses
- Job order contracts
- YAMS- Youth and Amateur Sports- economic impact, possible presentation from Vince Trinidad of the Pima County Sports and Tourism Authority/Visit Tucson
- Lea Marquez Peterson- Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Call to the Public- No response.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.