

**Pima County Small Business Commission
County Administration Building
130 W. Congress, 1st Floor
Thursday October 15th, 2015
3:00 P.M.**

Members Present

Lyra Done
Ken Goodman
Lucretia Free
Rhonda Pina
Joy Soler
Gabrielle David
Kent Blumenthal
Linda Morales

Others Present

Aurora Hernandez
Patrick Cavanaugh
Patty Richardson
Deputy Courtney Rodriguez

Members Absent

Jerry Long
Patricia Brown
Mark Miller

Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Done at 3:05 PM.

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

Introductions- New Commissioner Kent Blumenthal introduced himself to the Commission. He is the Director of the Green Valley Recreation Center and was appointed by Supervisor Ray Carroll to replace the late Commissioner Ward.

Approvals of Minutes- The minutes from the September 17th meeting were approved.

Pima County Sheriff's Department Presentation: Deputy Courtney Rodriguez gave a presentation regarding the Pima County Sheriff's Dept. The PC Sheriff's Department has the largest volunteer program that serves 7 districts throughout the County. There are many outreach programs, neighborhood watch groups, women's self-defense, shred-a-thons, dispose a meds, a drug disposal bin has been purchased and placed at the Rincon District on a trial basis, if it works more will be purchased. They are also available for public events, along with the volunteers. Unfortunately they don't have the personnel to do Coffee with a Cop programs, but the Sheriff's Dept. does have 44 neighborhood watch programs and do get to know their areas and their residents.

It was suggested by Commissioner Goodman to have a forum with small business owners and the new Sheriff. This was met with great enthusiasm and will be looked into at a further meeting.

Chair's Report- Chairwoman Done gave an update on the upcoming Catalina meeting to follow up with Carmine DeBonis from Development Services Department and the businesses in Catalina to continue the sign project, the meeting will be held at the Golder Ranch Fire Department Building, on October 27th she is asking for any Commissioners available to please try to attend the meeting.

Small Business Award Selection- Fourteen applications were submitted this year for the 2015 SBC Award. The decision was made to award the Urban Award to Aztera, LLC, and the Rural Award was awarded to Bling By Design from Vail.

Aztera LLC is a technology development firm composed of mechanical, electrical and software engineers working with early, growing, and mature companies to develop novel technologies, build functional prototypes, and create robust test equipment. Over 90% of their team members are Tucson natives or U of A alumni.

Bling By Design is a full service custom shirt making company. They supply cheerleading, dance and gymnastic uniforms to the Vail School District as well as low cost uniforms to families who could not previously afford them and the students are now able to participate on various teams.

This year's urban entries were; Adair Funeral Homes, Inc., Aztera, LLC, Cadden Community Management, Eagle EGC dba Miura Contracting, Family Air, LLC., Hayes Construction, Inc., Integrity Auto & Diesel, and Wisecrack Auto Glass, Inc.

The rural entries were Bling By Design, Mountain View Animal Clinic, Rancho Milagrito, The Savvy Copywriter, LLC, The Vail Preservation Society, and Vistoso Automotive.

There will be an awards presentation at the December BOS meeting to be announced. The award winners will receive a \$500.00 check and a plaque.

City of Tucson SBC – Patty Richardson, Chair of the City SBC stated no meeting was held in September due to lack of quorum, but new commissioners are being vetted at this time.

Other Commissioners Reports

Call to the Public- No response.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.