

**Pima County Small Business Commission
County Administration Building
130 W. Congress, 1st Floor
Thursday September 17, 2015
3:00 P.M.**

Members Present

Lyra Done
Ken Goodman
Lucretia Free
Rhonda Pina
Joy Soler-Telephone
Gabrielle David - Telephone
Linda Morales
Mark Miller

Others Present

Aurora Hernandez
Patrick Cavanaugh-Telephone
Randy Dixon-Telephone
Andrew Gordon-Telephone
Patty Richardson

Members Absent -Jerry Long-Patricia Brown-Kent Blumenthal

Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Done at 3:07 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance- Chairwoman Done led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions- the Commissioners introduced themselves to Commissioner Miller the new Commissioner from District One.

Approvals of Minutes- The minutes from the July 16th 2015 meeting were approved, with a correction.

Chair's Report- Chairwoman Done gave an update of the results of the October 2014 meeting in Catalina. She now has a new meeting to follow up with Carmine DeBonis from Development Services Department and the businesses in Catalina to continue the sign project, which 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 Update- Commissioner Free gave an update on the progress of the Small Business Award. Patrick Cavanaugh sent a press release to AZ Daily Star, Vail Voice, Tanque Verde Voice, Oro Valley Voice, Ajo Copper News, KOLD website, Inside Tucson Business and will have the Pima County Communications Department get out another blast. Commissioner Free also contacted the Vail Chamber of Commerce. The deadline will be October 14, the day before the October meeting, so there can be review and selection at the October 15th meeting.

JTED Report- Commissioner Goodman reported that school just started and things are beginning to move along. The worry is this may be the last year for JTED, if the funding is not restored. The SBC will continue to support JTED. The letters sent to Dr. Storm in support of JTED will be sent to Patty Richardson, Chair of the City SBC so they can support JTED too.

Arizona Multi-Bank Presentation- Randy Dixon and Andrew Gordon loan officers from AZ Multi-Bank spoke to the Commission via telephone. AZ Multi-Bank's Model Community Lending Program is a structured, cooperative effort among local community organizations and Arizona Multi-Bank to provide business and entrepreneurial training, technical support, business loans and loan enhancements that encourage and support local economic development. (More information on accompanying literature)

City of Tucson SBC – Patty Richardson the new chair for the City SBC attended the meeting. Ms. Richardson requested both the SBC letter to JTED and Supervisor Bronson's response be sent to the City SBC. JTED is going on to the upcoming agenda for City SBC.

City SBC is looking into Development Services and impact fees. Small businesses are being charged large fees for small expansions. They are attempting to educate their Commissioners about the Impact fees and development services. She will continue to come to the SBC meetings and report on their progress.

Other Commissioners Reports –Commissioner Soler is attempting to set up a meeting with Fred Ronstadt, President of the Fourth Avenue Merchants Association to see when he would be able to speak at a future meeting. She is also interested in the Development Services fees. There are small organizations trying to hold functions and being charged large amounts for their permits. Health Department is also an issue if they plan on selling/serving food. With the amount of the fees it is almost making it impossible for these small organizations to have their functions.

Call to the Public- No response.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.