



Thursday, January 21st, 2016

3:00PM

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>		<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>
Lyra Done	Rhonda Pina	Ken Goodman
Linda Morales	Mark Miller	Lucretia Free
Kent Blumenthal	Joy Soler	
Patricia Brown		<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Gabrielle David- Telephonically		Patrick Cavanaugh
		Aurora Hernandez

Call to order-the meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Done at 3:10 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance- Pledge was led by Commissioner Morales.

Presentation: Sheriff Chris Nanos of the Pima County Sheriff's Department was scheduled to speak, but due to an emergency was unable to attend. Patrick will attempt to reschedule for another meeting.

Approval of Minutes- November 19th Meeting Minutes approved unanimously.

Chairman's Report- Chairwoman Done gave her final report as Chairwoman. Chairwoman Done thanked the Commission for their support in the past year, and will continue to support the new chair in the upcoming year.

Elections of Officers- Elections were held for Chair, Vice Chair and Commissioner at Large. The Commission made their nominations at the November meeting. Commissioner Free was nominated for Chair, and Chairwoman Done was nominated for Vice Chair. At this time Commissioner Morales moved to elect Commissioner Free as Chair, motion seconded by Commissioner Blumenthal, motion carried Commissioner Free was voted as Chair for 2016.

Commissioner Blumenthal moved to elect Chairwoman Done as Vice-Chair; motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Done was elected Vice Chair unanimously.

Commissioner Done was re-nominated for Commissioner at Large by Commissioner Blumenthal, seconded by Commissioner Miller, motion carried, Commissioner Done was re-elected as Commissioner at Large unanimously.

Coordinator's Report- Patrick Cavanaugh reported Marion Hook was being vetted by Supervisor Bronson to fill in for Commissioner Long, who resigned in November. Her appointment will be before the Board of Supervisors on February 2nd, and Ms. Hook will be joining us at the February meeting.

2015 Small Business Award winners AZTERA were unable to attend the December 15th Board of Supervisors meeting to accept their award. They did attend the January 5th meeting and thanked Pima County BOS and the SBC for the award.

Future guest speakers- Patrick will be working on re-scheduling Sheriff Nanos, and will attempt to get someone from ASBA to come and speak.

Economic Development- World View is coming to Tucson bringing approximately 440 jobs and more to come. Another new company is also working on moving their headquarters to Tucson, bringing approximately 800 jobs. The only issue is they are having problems finding qualified engineers in the area. Mr. Cavanaugh will be keeping us up to date at future meetings.

Economic Development Meetings- the Economic Development Department is now bringing in Cochise, Santa Cruz, and Pinal Counties, the US Commerce Authority, Sun Corridor Inc., and other entities of the Southern Arizona Region to the table for discussions and comparing notes the County is very happy with the results.

JTED Report- Chairwoman Done gave the JTED report due to Commissioner Goodman being out. The Legislature will be reviewing the JTED issue again. Senator Steve Farley is attempting to push it thru and restore the funding to JTED. Things look promising for students to be able to graduate with the certifications needed to continue their careers.

City of Tucson Small Business Commission Report- no report, no one present to report.

Other Commissioners Reports- Commissioner Blumenthal reviewed the Open Meeting Laws and gave a report on Small Board Procedures and whether the Chair has a vote. (encl.)

Commissioner Soler reported she has been trying to get Fred Ronstadt, President of the Fourth Avenue Merchants Assoc. in to speak to the Commission and see if there is anything the Commission can do to help. Mr. Ronstadt stated that the issues are mostly with the City of Tucson and cannot see where County SBC can assist.

Commissioner Miller stated the Oracle Road widening project is finally complete in Catalina; the only thing is they now have to bring the speed limits back up from the 25 mph construction limit.

Commissioner Morales spoke about the Salute to DM. They have been working with Davis Monthan Air Force Base, DM 50 and the Southern Arizona Defense Alliance to organize the 2016 Salute to DM in April, to recognize all DM contributes to the community. The A-10's are remaining in Tucson adding to the economy until 2022. The Commission will attempt to bring in someone from DM 50 to speak at a future meeting.

Call to the Public- No response.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.