

**Pima County Small Business Commission**

Thursday, September 23, 2021

3:00 P.M.

Video Conference / Telephonic Meeting

**SUMMARY OF MEETING**

**Committee Members Present**

Kent Blumenthal, Chairman

Ken Goodman, Vice Chair

Shelby Collier

Janay Arenas

Vera Minot

Raul Aguirre

Josh Jacobsen

Carlos Ruiz (arrived 3:20pm)

**Committee Members Absent**

Moniqua Lane

Gabrielle David

Jeff Wood

**Staff in attendance**

**Pima County:**

Patrick Cavanaugh, Economic Development

Johanna Encinas, Economic Development

**Guests in attendance:**

Dr. George Hammond, Director, Economic and Business Research Center, UA Eller College

Maria Klucarova, Chair Bronson's Office

Kim Challender, Supervisor Scott's Office

**MOTIONS**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Raul Aguirre moved, seconded by Commissioner Janay Arenas, to approve the May 20, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion approved 8-0

**MOTION:** Commissioner Ken Goodman moved, seconded by Commissioner Raul Aguirre, to approve the June 17, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion approved 8-0

**MEETING SUMMARY**

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 3:05pm.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted by Patrick Cavanaugh to start the meeting.

3. Chair's Report: Review of the agenda and video conference meeting protocols

Chairman Ken Blumenthal provided a brief overview of the meeting protocols and the review of the meeting agenda.

4. Call to the Public

Kim Chandler and Maria Klucarova greeted the Commission.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- A. MOTION: Commissioner Raul Aguirre moved, seconded by Commissioner Janay Arenas, to approve the May 20, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion Approved 8-0
- B. MOTION: Commissioner Ken Goodman moved, seconded by Commissioner Raul Aguirre, to approve the June 17, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion approved 8-0
- C. Minutes for August 19, 2021 have not been sent and will be continued for discussion on a future meeting.

6. Dr. George W. Hammond presentation (30 minutes)

Dr. Hammond provided a PowerPoint presentation to the commission specific to Arizona's Economy.

The following key topics were presented and discussed:

- A. Census 2020 redistricting data released
- B. Arizona's jobs close in on pre-pandemic peak
- C. Travel and tourism recovery pauses
- D. Outlook is strong near and long term

Mr. Hammond answered questions from the Commission regarding Pima County's economic forecast

7. Coordinator's Report & Updates (Patrick Cavanaugh)

- A. Ms. Johanna Encinas gave a brief introduction of herself to the Commissioners
- B. Mr. Cavanaugh recommended the commissioners to Continue this on a standing agenda item until Covid-19 numbers are reviewed and make a decision.
- C. Mr. Patrick sent an email to the commission of Mr. Chuck Huckelberry's memo dated October 17, 2021 Covid-19 updates and presented a brief overview that covers all Pima County.

Mr. Cavanaugh announced the retirement of Dr. John Moffatt the Director of Economic Development and informed the Commissioners of BOS meeting dated October 5, 2021 of the direction they may take towards Economic Development.

Chairman Blumenthal stated he would add this item for discussion on next agenda.

- D. Commissioner Goodman discussed with commissioners of Mr. Huckelberry's comment on Small Business Commission. Mr. Cavanaugh recommended to add this to next month's agenda for a robust discussion.

Chairman Blumenthal asked the commission to any objections on presenting a letter asking the Board of Supervisors its thoughts of Small Business Commission in Economic Development and Sun Corridor.

#### 8. New Business

No Report

#### 9. Unfinished Business

- A. Mr. Cavanaugh gave an update to the Commissioners on the status of the bylaws approval and the process with Pima County Attorney's office and Board of Supervisors.
- B. Mr. Cavanaugh and the Commission discussed the progress and updates on the 2021 Small Business of the Year Award Program and addressed any questions from the Commission.

#### 10. JTED Update

Commissioner Ken Goodman provided the commission a detailed summary of JTED progress and available programs for high school students and answered questions from the Commission.

Chairman Blumenthal ask the Commissioners to any objections on moving item 11 of agenda to last item.

#### 11. Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Goodman followed up on a question from Commissioner Arenas to provide contact information for JTED thru Mr. Cavanaugh.

Chair Blumenthal advised the Commissioner he may not be attending next meeting and may ask Vice-Chairman Good man to chair the meeting.

12. Agenda items for next SBC meeting

- A. Chairman Blumenthal would like to move forward and ask Dr. Marvin Slepian to do a presentation to the Commissioners. He gave a brief summary of how beneficial it would be for the Commission.
- B. Chairman Blumenthal may ask Sheriff Chris Nanos for future meeting with the Commission
- C. Mr. Cavanaugh will give an update to the Commission on the status of in person meetings  
Future Agenda Meetings:
  - Discussion of a follow-up on BOS meeting of Oct 5,2021
  - Discussion of award programs for Commissioners and its Business for 2022
  - Discussion of the role of Small Business Commission in the Economic Development in the Pima County.

13. Adjournment at 5:05

**MOTION: Commissioner Janay Arenas moved, seconded by Commissioner Ken Goodman, to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved 8-0 and the meeting adjourned at 5:05pm**