

Pima County Small Business Commission

**County Administration Building
130 W. Congress, 1st Floor
Thursday, February 21, 2008
3:00 p.m.**

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Attendance

Lisa Lovallo
Lea Marquez-Peterson
Tom Ward
Ken Goodman
Pat Taviss
Gerald Long

Not in Attendance

Rigo Lopez
Frank Hamilton
Melanie Larson

Additional Attendee

Mary Jondrow
Bob Schlanger
Carmine DeBonis
Aurora Hernandez
Catherine Strickland

- The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Lisa Lovallo
- First item was the introductions of everyone in the room.
- Mary Jondrow and Bob Schlanger spoke regarding JTED issues.
- There are currently thousands of students enrolled in JTED throughout Pima County, but with more business and industry involvement new programs can be implemented. The JTED board is trying to fill committee positions to achieve this.
- Lisa Lovallo voiced concerns re: JTED operating like a school board and would like to see it have a business component and industry involvement to avoid this.
- There was discussion encouraging JTED to hire a public relations person to communicate the successes to the community to gain support and involvement.

- Ken Goodman has joined the JTED Board and has agreed to become the liaison between the board and the committee.
- Carmine DeBonis spoke regarding how Pima County Development Services help small businesses.
- COT and Chamber determined the permitting process was too long and costly for small businesses and is now working in conjunction with Pima County to shorten the process and decrease the cost.
- Pima County is currently working on an electronic plan review to be offered in April with the full process available on line in July. This review process will have a 25% reduction in cycle time by asking for fewer items and reviewing documents more efficiently.
- This is a slow time for Development Services as residential permitting is down 41% this fiscal year. So this is the perfect time to review the process.
- Lisa Lovallo pointed out that third parties will help keep Development Services accountable and help the changes be instated.
- It was decided that Rigoberto Lopez will no longer serve on the commission due to his recent absences.
- The Small Business Commission retreat will take place March 5th in the Bank of America 7th floor conference room from 11am-2pm.
- Next meeting is March 20th at 3pm in the Board of Supervisors Conference Room and will be an overview and discussion of JTED with invited guests and participants.
- Call to the Public – No response
- Everyone was thanked for attending
- Meeting adjourned – 5:10 pm