

Pima County Small Business Commission
County Administration Building
130 W. Congress, 1st Floor
Thursday, September 17, 2009
3:00 P.M.

Members Present

Tom Ward
Lea Marquez-Peterson
Pat Taviss
Ken Goodman
Jerry Long
Joy Soler
Edie Lake
Lyra Done
Jim Leader, Jr.

Others Present

Tom Moulton
Aurora Hernandez

Call to order/Pledge- The meeting was called to order at 3:00 by Tom Ward, Chairman, who led the pledge.

Minutes- from the July 16th, 2009 meeting were passed, unanimously.

Welcome and Introductions- City of Tucson Small Business Commission member is expected to be with us at next meeting.

Chairman's report-

- Change in Resolution- the Commission's proposed change in the enabling resolution is tentatively scheduled for the October 6, 2009 Board of Supervisors meeting at 9:00 A.M. Chairman Ward would like everyone at the meeting to show support for the SBC. More definite information will be sent to the Commissioners as soon as it becomes available.
- Update on Small Business Development Center- a home has not been found for the SBDC as of yet. Supervisor Bronson spoke to Joe Snell, President of TREO and asked him to have TREO work with the Commission on possible sites for a new home for the SBDC. TREO is currently in the process of moving from their present location and may possibly be able to make space for the SBDC.
- The Chairman has been chosen to serve on the State Small Business Development Center Evaluation Board. An RFP is being sent out for a possible location and cash match funds for the SBDC are available.

- Mainstreet Regional Small Business Resource Directory- a directory was shared with the SBC. A PDF copy will be provided to the Commissioners while we are waiting for booklets for distribution.

Director's Report- Tom Moulton

- **General Obligation Bonds-** Mr. Moulton spoke about the postponed 2009 bond election. The 2009 election has now been proposed for 2010. Some projects will have to be phased as the monies become available. Big projects will not be eliminated but phased out over several bonds. Pima County is asking for revamping of some bigger projects. The website address is being provided for educational materials re: the bonds. www.bonds.pima.gov
- **TREO Contract-** the TREO contract has not been signed as of yet, additions on retention and expansion have been added. Sections of the contract have been rewritten. The SBC would like to look at the TREO contract before it is approved. Tom Moulton indicated he would take it under advisement with Hank Atha.

New Business

- **Prepare for BOS action,** the Chairman will be preparing a brief talk for the BOS meeting and will be submitting a copy for the Commission to review. Again the Chairman would like to see everyone at the October 6th BOS meeting.
- **Chamber representation-** As individual commissioners we represent all the chambers. We would like to get a listing of all Chambers and chamber committees represented by our Commissioners, as well as other business groups commissioner's belong to in order to see what areas we cover. Please get your listings to Aurora to compile the list.
- **Committee involvement-**What state and national activities can the Commission get involved in? Chairman Ward will try to get Senator Payton to come speak to the Commission in the near future, also Tim Bee from the Governor's Tucson office.
- **Badges-** The Commission voted on the badges they liked best. Aurora will be ordering the badges and try to get them by the next meeting.

Small Business Commission Award- Pat Taviss is working on the awards program. Various suggestions were made. A suggestion was made to select an organization that is already doing awards, create our own award and present it at their gala. ASBA was suggested as being probably the best organization to partner with so we can present at their gala.

It was suggested that the graphic design students at JTED design the award. The award could be presented at the BOS as well as ASBA.

JTED Report- Ken Goodman-

- Great things are happening. A new cosmetology class “Cutting Class” has been added. Things are going well with JTED.

Other Commisisoners Reports

- Lyra Done reported that Oro Valley has received the first Silver LEEDS award for it’s Market Place. This is the first Silver Leaves in the State of Arizona.

Future Agenda Items

- ADOT- Lind Rutler will attend the October SBC meeting to give a final report on the I-10 widening and congratulate the Commission on it’s help.

Call to the Public-

- None present

Adjournment- meeting was adjourned at 4:55 P.M.