

**Pima County Small Business Commission  
County Administration Building  
130 W. Congress, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Thursday, January 19, 2012  
3:00 P.M.**

**Members Present**

Tom Ward  
Ken Goodman  
Lyra Done  
Edie Lake  
Dabney Philabaum  
John Peck  
Patricia Brown

**Others Present**

Catherine Strickland  
Becky Pallack

**Members Absent**

John Peters  
Joy Soler  
Jerry Long  
Lea Marquez-Peterson

**Call to Order-** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ward at 3:00 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance-** Chairman Ward led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approvals of Minutes-** The minutes from the November 17, 2011, meeting were approved, unanimously.

**CRSPS Legislation-** Chairman Ward thanked everyone on the CRSPS Committee. The County Attorney's Office has approved the legislation and will be adopted by Pima County after approval by the Board of Supervisors.

The Ordinance will be published for 30 days and then will go before the Board. Chairman Ward would like for Commissioners to attend the Board meeting.

**Chairman's Report**

- **Proposed County Economic Development Program-** a 90 page report from County Administrator C.H. Huckelberry was distributed today. The SBC has been asked to review and comment on the report by March 16. Chairman Ward has asked the Commissioners to review the *Business Resources One Stop Center*. The link to the report is below.  
[http://www.pima.gov/Administration/documents/pdfs/bd-economic.development.opportunities\\_20120119125330.pdf](http://www.pima.gov/Administration/documents/pdfs/bd-economic.development.opportunities_20120119125330.pdf)
- **Revolving Loan Fund Committee-** Chairman Ward, Commissioner Long and Commissioner Lake have formed a committee to work on this project. The Loan Fund could be housed at the One Stop Center.
- **Committee for Legislative Education (CLE)-** The 9<sup>th</sup> grade has been eliminated from JTED. This is causing problems because most programs require four years, and this is eliminating the first year. Commissioner Goodman met with Bruce Wheeler and has a DRAFT of the Bill that will attempt to bring back JTED funding for 9<sup>th</sup> graders. The Commission will attempt to get a copy of the Legislation.
- **Kimber Lanning-Local First Arizona-** an organization to attempt to have Arizona businesses given preference for any projects being done *in* Arizona. Ms. Lanning will be coming to the SBC in February to give a presentation.
- **Valedictory-** Chairman Ward has been the Chairman for 35 months, since February 2009. Two very successful public hearings. Lots and lots of Memo's, 7 appearances

before the Board of Supervisors. Chairman Ward is very pleased with all the work accomplished during that time. He thanked the Commission for making it all possible.

### **New Business**

- **Proposed Ordinance Implementing the Commission's Local Business Preference-** a copy of the Ordinance and a letter to George Widugiris was distributed. The Pima County Attorney has approved the Ordinance to be applied in Pima County without having to change State Title 34. Commissioner Goodman made a motion for approval of the language of the proposed Ordinance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Lake, motion carried unanimously to pass Ordinance as written.
- **Proposed closure of the Tucson AZ Processing and Distribution Center-** Chairman Ward proposed writing a letter to Legislators opposing the closure of the distribution center. A motion for the letter to be written and sent was proposed by Chairman Ward, seconded by Commissioner Peck, motion passed unanimously. Letter will be sent out this week. (letter enclosed)
- **Small Business Commission 2012 Award-** a reminder letter will be written by Commissioner Lake to send to the Presidents of all the Chambers. (letter and application form encl.)
- **Election for Chair and Vice-Chair.** Chairman Ward nominated Commissioner Goodman for Chairman; Commissioner Goodman nominated Chairman Ward for Vice-chair at the November meeting. Motion was proposed by Chairman Ward to elect as nominated. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Goodman elected Chairman, Commissioner Ward elected Vice-Chairman.
- **City of Tucson SBC-** Debbie Chandler not present. Commissioner Goodman reported a meeting was held but he was out of town and unable to attend. No report available.

### **Other Commissioners Reports**

- Commissioner Lake- reported on the progress of the 2012 Small Business Award.
- Commissioner Peck- report on Ajo. International Sonoran Desert Alliance (ISDA) has been awarded a grant from the Center for the Future of Arizona to assist in promoting a One Stop Center for jobs, and future development. It was proposed by the Commission to have a retreat in Ajo to tour the town.
- At the last meeting Commissioner Marquez-Peterson proposed Pima County already had a revolving loan fund. After researching Chairman Ward reported the fund is in the City of Tucson, not Pima County, and used 108HUD Funds.

**Call to the Public-** No response.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.**