



Thursday, April 21st, 2016

3:00PM

<p><u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> Lucretia Free Lyra Done Kent Blumenthal Marion Hook Patricia Brown Gabrielle David- Telephonically Rhonda Pina-Telephonically</p>	<p><u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u> Mark Miller</p> <p><u>OTHERS PRESENT</u> Sheriff Chris Nanos Mark Evans Patrick McNamara Patrick Cavanaugh Aurora Hernandez</p>
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Call to order-the meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Free at 3:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance – the pledge was led by Chairwoman Free.

Approval of Minutes- Minutes of the February 18th meeting were approved unanimously, minutes of the March 17th meeting were also approved unanimously.

Sheriff Nanos- Sheriff Nano spoke to the Commission, he has a much different approach to policing, he believes in a “hands on” system. His policy is to give his business card with his cell phone number to everyone he meets with to make sure he is available to everyone. Commissioner Goodman spoke to him regarding an issue he had in the past and suggested having a forum with the Sheriff and small businesses. This will be discussed at a future meeting to set a possible date for a forum with small businesses in Pima County and the sheriff. Sahuarita and Oro Valley Police Departments have community policing programs where officers are assigned to specific business areas and are familiar with the small businesses and their issues on a daily basis; this is what the Commission will be focusing on for the upcoming forum.

Chairman’s Report- Chairwoman Free and Patrick Cavanaugh had a very successful meeting with Joe Erceg from Arizona Small Business Association (ASBA) and are arranging to have him speak at the May meeting.

Vice-Chair Report- No report at this time

Coordinator’s Report- Due to a full agenda and several guest speakers Patrick Cavanaugh relinquished his time to Sheriff Nanos and Mark Evans from Pima County Communications Department.

Pima County Communications- Mark Evans and Patrick McNamara from PC Communications gave some insight on how the Communications Department functions. They spoke about how they could help the SBC communicate with the public regarding forums and the SBC Award on a larger scale. They also informed us about the Pima County FYI Newsletter which has updates on Pima County.

<http://webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=231422> is the link to the newsletter and the link to subscribe is <http://bit.ly/27tl2d5>

Community Visit- Commissioner Blumenthal spoke to the Green Valley Council to inform them the SBC would like to go to Green Valley to speak to the small businesses. Commissioner Blumenthal has set up a meeting for October 20th at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Goodman suggested working with the Pima County Communications Department to get the word out to the businesses.

2016 SBC Award- Commissioners Blumenthal and Morales will continue to revamp the application. This year they will be working with the Pima County Communications Department to get more press coverage and see if they get more applications than in the past.

2016 Work Plan- There was further discussion on the 2016 Work Plan. The long term issues were discussed. It was decided to continue discussion on the Pima Prosperity Fund, JTED and outreach to other small business advisory organizations such as ASBA. The Commission also discussed adding items related to Prop 123 and other education issues that relate to the workforce for small businesses. Vice Chair Done will continue to work with Carmine DeBonis from Development Services on the Catalina signage issues.

On the Annual side the 2016 Annual SBC Awards, 2015 annual report and presentation to the BOS, more communication with the local chambers.

City of Tucson Small Business Commission Report- no report, no quorum, no meeting.

Other Commissioners Reports-

Call to the Public- No response.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.