



Thursday, April 20th, 2017

3:00PM

| <b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b> |                 | <b><u>OTHERS PRESENT</u></b> |                   |
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| Lucretia Free                 |                 | Aurora Hernandez             | Patrick Cavanaugh |
| Kent Blumenthal               | Ken Goodman     | Linda McCallum               | Amelia Cramer     |
| Marion Hook                   | Gabrielle David | Ken Janes                    | David Ludwig      |
| Rhonda Pina                   | Joy Soler       | Grace Gegenheimer            | Patty Richardson  |
| Karen Schutte                 |                 |                              |                   |

**Call to order**-the meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Free at 3:05 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance** –Commissioner Goodman led the pledge.

**Approvals of Minutes**- Minutes of the March 16 meeting were approved.

**Chairs’ Report- Chairwoman Free** –Chair Free covered several issues.

**Community Outreach**- Arivaca was selected to be the next outreach community. Chair Free, Commissioner Hook and Patrick Cavanaugh will be going to Arivaca on Monday April 24, to meet with Arivaca Alive a not for profit group which represents the approximately 50-60 businesses in the area. Arivaca has several issues such as losing tourism due to the Border Patrol checkpoints; also keeping the younger generations to stay in Arivaca and continue traditions. However, the main issue according to the residents is in the upkeep of Ruby Road. There will be a further update at the next meeting.

**PC Attorney’s Office Bad Check Program Presentation**- Linda McCallum Program Director from the PC Attorney’s Office Bad Check Program came in to speak to the Commission requesting support for her request to the BOS for an additional \$75,000 needed for the Bad Check Program to continue. Since there are not as many checks being written, not enough monies are being collected to keep the program going. There is a 17-day demand letter available on the CA website that a small business can send to the check writer demanding payment. If the check writer does not pay within the 17-days, it is then forwarded to the County Attorney for help in collecting the debt. The Program has a Diversion Program, which allows people to pay their bad checks without it going to full criminal prosecution.

The program has been self-sustaining since 1996; this is the first year it is in deficit. They are requesting \$75,000 from the BOS for additional funding for FY 17-18. They are asking if small businesses are interested in keeping the Program. More research needs to be done as to how many businesses are using the Program and work more closely with the local Chambers to promote the Program.

**Pima County Health Department**- David Ludwig, Program Manager from the Pima County Health Department spoke to the Commission regarding the new County ordinances and the new fee schedule for the Consumer Health and Food Safety Program. There have been many new changes to the codes as of April 2016. PCHD has 18 inspectors who cover 16 Districts, 2 peddler programs, 8500 pools and spas. It is anticipated to have 15 to 20 more inspectors by 2020.

Every food establishment has annual inspections; medical facilities, rest homes and fast food restaurants are inspected twice a year, schools and nursing homes are inspected three times annually. PCHD is also responsible for enforcing permitting of the establishments. They must keep up with permit expiration dates as well as the food inspections. They are now tasked with vector control. They are attempting to equip all inspectors with laptop computers that will make inspections easier by having all their information at hand.

PCHD is implementing a new fee schedule increasing fees by 25%. There will be a new incentive program rolling out in 2018 that vendors can enroll in to reduce the fees. They must implement an active managerial control program. The program requires a certified manager as required by law, address the 10 health factors in writing by implementing procedural staff training and keeping a verification log of all procedures. There is also a percentage reduction of 5% if you have a display of caloric intake on your menu, no trans fats another 5%. Working with the food banks and donating to homeless shelters 5%. All this should make a *Healthier Pima County*. There is a newsletter going out to all registered vendors explaining the new process.

**City of Tucson Small Business Commission-** No report

**Future Agenda Items-**

- PC Sherriff Napier
- Small Business Advocacy Organizations
- Pima County Health Department Health Inspections

**Call to the Public-** No response

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.