



Thursday, August 17, 2017

3:00PM

| <u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> | <u>TELEPHONICALLY</u> | <u>OTHERS PRESENT</u> |
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| Lucretia Free | Joy Soler | Patrick Cavanaugh Grace Gegenheimer |
| Marion Hook | Gabrielle David | Aurora Hernandez |
| Rhonda Pina | | Patty Richardson |
| Karen Schutte | | |
| Ken Goodman | | |
| Kent Blumenthal | | |
| Mark Miller | | |

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

Pledge of Allegiance –Commissioner Pina led the pledge.

Approvals of Minutes- Minutes of the July 20 meeting were approved.

Chairs’ Report- Chairwoman Free –Chair Free relinquished her time due to the length of the agenda.

Coordinators Report- Patrick Cavanaugh also relinquished his time.

Commission Partnerships to Further Workplace Development in Pima County- The biggest issue effecting the incoming companies is lack of a qualified workforce. The Bombardier Company is at this time expanding and they are using contractors from outside Pima County to fill their workforce. There is a great need for engineers and qualified aircraft engineers but there is also a great need for skilled craftsmen. This is not just a local issue it is a nation-wide problem.

The Commission is discussing a possibility of a work session with, Blue Collar Stem, Superintendent of Schools, Pima County Workforce Development, Pima Community College and JTED to try to work out a solution. An attempt to reinstate 9th grade JTED would be a start. This would allow students to graduate with a certification and go directly to work, or a shadowing/internship program with the new incoming corporations to train students for direct hiring. Patrick will contact Workforce Development representatives to speak to the Commission at a future meeting for more discussion.

Community Outreach Follow -Up- Summerhaven –Chairwoman Free is still working on setting up a Forum with the Mt. Lemmon Business Community. More to follow in later this month after she makes contact and sets a date for the Forum.

Pima County Sales Tax Committee SBC Appointee- Commissioner Schutte will be representing the SBC on the Sales Tax Commission. Meetings are to begin September 17, 2017. Commissioner Schutte will report updates to Patrick for forwarding to the Commission.

City of Tucson Small Business Commission- No report no meeting due to lack of quorum.

SBC 2017 Business Award-Commissioners are discussing a third category for non-profits. The issue is where to get the additional \$500.00. Discussion was as to whether to divide the original \$1000.00 three ways or to find a company who would donate the additional \$500. Patrick will contact the County Attorney to discuss the possibilities. Patrick will also ask for \$1500.00 for the FY 18-19 budget. More to come at the next meeting.

JTED- Commissioner Goodman reported JTED has a fund available thru the Pima Community College Foundation to help students pay for their supplies and materials. There will be a golf tournament in October to help raise funds for the foundation. All donations are tax deductible. Commissioner Goodman will have further information on the golf tournament at the next meeting.

Other Commissioners Reports-

Future Agenda Items-

- Chicanos Por La Causa
- Project Prosperity-Development Services
- Project Prosperity- Waste Water Reclamation
- SBC 2018 Small Business Awards

Call to the Public- No response

Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.