



Thursday, January 19th, 2017

3:00PM

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>		<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Lucretia Free	Lyra Done	Patrick Cavanaugh
Kent Blumenthal	Rhonda Pina	Aurora Hernandez
Karen Schutte	Marion Hook	Jason Ground
Mark Miller	Ken Goodman	
Joy Soler	Gabrielle David -telephonically	

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

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Hook led the pledge.

Approvals of Minutes- Minutes of the November 17th meeting were approved unanimously.

Chairs’ Report- Chairwoman Free -No report.

Vice-Chairs’ Report-Vice Chair Done- No report.

Coordinators Report- Patrick Cavanaugh reported on Monsanto. Mr. Cavanaugh will be holding four meetings at various locations within the County to get feedback from constituents about Monsanto coming to Tucson. There has been a lot of controversy regarding their practices and county incentives. Patrick is heading a Commission of scientists and constituents to review the incoming company’s practices. Pima County has no ability to refuse Monsanto; they are a “legal company conducting legal business”. Mr. Cavanaugh will have more to report at future meetings.

Prosperity Project Taskforce Recap- Commissioner Schutte reported on Project Prosperity Taskforce, which is a combination of the City of Tucson, Metro Chamber, SAHBA, and the Metro Pima Alliance. Mayor Rothschild assembled this group along with City Manager Michael Ortega to discuss with the city stakeholders incentives, improvements to permits and inspections, to review the business license process, review the sign codes, for which there has been no revision since 1985. There was discussion of a possible sign code merger, different jurisdictions have different codes and they would like to make them uniform.

Commissioner Goodman motioned for the SBC to vote to support the efforts and goals of Project Prosperity Task Force and furthermore to explore a similar process with Pima County. Commissioner Schutte seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Schutte will pen a letter of support for review by the Commission at the next meeting.

2016 Small Business Award- the 2016 SBC Awards will be presented at the February 21st meeting of the Board of Supervisors the Rural Award presentation to Vistoso Automotive Repair from Oro Valley, and the Urban Award to Plum Windows and Doors. Both companies will receive a \$500.00 check and a wall plaque.

Election of Officers- 2017 Officer Elections were held, nominations were made at the November 2016 meeting. Chair Free nominated to continue as Chair; accepted the nomination and was re-elected unanimously. Vice Chair Done was nominated to continue as Commissioner At-Large for 2017, and as Vice Chair, she was re-elected to both positions unanimously.

Future Agenda Items- there was great discussion on the future agenda items to include in the 2017 Work Plan. Some of the topics included

- PC Development Services
 - PC DEQ
 - PC Wastewater
- PC Health Department
 - Code Revisions
 - B&B Inspections
- PC Sheriff's Department-New Sheriff
- Sun Corridor
- Small Business Advocacy Organizations
- Project Prosperity
- ASBA Crowd Funding Update
- SBC and Vicente Fox

Call to the Public- Jason Ground from PC Communications was present to speak with the Commissioner individually to get personal background information about them for the PC Website, which will feature various Commissions within Pima County.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.