



Thursday, July 20, 2017

3:00PM

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>TELEPHONICALLY</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Lucretia Free	Lyra Done	Patrick Cavanaugh
Marion Hook	Mark Miller	Aurora Hernandez
Rhonda Pina	Kent Blumenthal	Dr. John Moffat
Karen Schutte	Gabrielle David	
Ken Goodman		
Joy Soler		

Call to order-the meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Free at 3:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance –Commissioner Pina led the pledge.

Approvals of Minutes- Minutes of the June 15 meeting were approved.

Chairs’ Report- Chairwoman Free –Chair Free relinquished her time to Dr. Moffat, Director of Pima County Economic Development.

Coordinators Report- Patrick Cavanaugh presented Philabaum Awards to the Commissioners.

Annual Report Follow-Up- the continuation of the Annual report was discussed. Patrick presented Resolution 2009-260, which stated, *“In addition to existing reporting requirements, the Commission may provide the Board of Supervisors with an annual review describing the Commission’s activities for the previous year and its proposed activities for the coming year. In order to more properly evaluate the impact of the County policies and regulations on small business.”*... The decision to continue the Annual Report was made as the Commissioners felt it is important for the Board and the public to know what the Commission does. Chair Free and Commissioner Goodman will work on the report beginning with 2016 since the Report is now several years behind. The Report will be presented to the BOS later this year.

Community Outreach Follow -Up- Summerhaven –at the June meeting the Commission chose Summerhaven as the Community Outreach for this year. In light of the recent fires, it was decided that there was an urgent need to have a meeting with the community to see where the SBC could help. After much discussion it was decided Chair Free will be contacting Summerhaven to get some dates that would be available for the Commission to meet with them and have them tell us what their needs are. More to follow at the August meeting.

Pima County Sales Tax Committee SBC Appointee- the BOS is developing a plan for soliciting input from the community with regard to whether the Board should adopt a Pima County sales tax to fund road repairs and reduce the property tax. They would like to create an Advisory Committee with a suggested 18 members, one of which will be from the SBC. The Committee will meet monthly for 7 months beginning in 2018. Patrick asked for volunteers and Commissioner Schutte volunteered and will be representing the SBC on the Committee.

Dr. John Moffatt, Director PC Economic Development Department- Dr. Moffatt, Director of the Economic Development Department spoke to the Commission about his very extensive career covering aerospace, health care, medical billing, manufacturing, education, computer science and various other endeavors as a consultant.

He came to Pima County as a Consultant and worked on the software systems for Kino Hospital and other projects. Eventually he became an “official” county employee where he re-organized the IT department, and implemented PCWIN (public safety radio network) for the Sherriff’s Department. After a short retirement, he returned to Pima County as a Strategic Planner and penned the Economic Development Plan, this is a “road map” of sorts, which outlines 99 different tasks that will be implemented in the upcoming years. Pima County received national recognition on the Plan. He has been instrumental in developing the concept of the Sonoran Corridor and bringing Caterpillar, Worldview and Vector Space Systems to Pima County.

With all the new companies, coming to Pima County it has been found we do not have the skilled workforce needed to staff them. He has been working closely with Pima County One Stop Center. They have just opened a Veteran and Trailing Spouse One Stop, this program, which is the first in the nation, will be assisting in placing Veterans in the work force as well as military families assigned to Davis Monthan, this will be a program for spouses connect with jobs that are available for when they get here.

Southern Arizona Home Builders Association (SAHBA) is looking for skilled laborers, with the economy taking an upward turn there will be more construction. They will be working closely with the new Superintendent of Schools, Dustin Williams, to add more JTED courses in construction, also Pima Community College. More corporations will be coming to Pima County in the future and a skilled workforce will be required. Much is being done in an attempt to train the local workforce to fill the many positions, in various fields coming to Pima County.

Adjournment- At this point, it was 5:00 and Chair Free deferred the rest of the agenda to next month and adjourned the meeting.

City of Tucson Small Business Commission- No report.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.