



Thursday, June 15, 2017

3:00PM

| MEMBERS PRESENT | OTHERS PRESENT |
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| Lucretia Free Ken Goodman Kent Blumenthal Marion Hook Rhonda Pina Karen Schutte | Aurora Hernandez Patrick Cavanaugh Grace Gegenheimer Eileen DeLa Fuente |

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

Pledge of Allegiance –Chairwoman Free led the pledge.

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

Chairs’ Report- Chairwoman Free –Chair Free relinquished to Commissioner Schutte. Commissioner Schutte spoke about the “Resolution in Opposition to Anti-Education, Anti-Prosperity Actions by the Tucson Mayor and City Council and the Pima County Board of Supervisors”. The City of Tucson had proposed a Resolution stating COT would not do business with anyone participating in building the border wall. Tucson Unified School District is concerned that if the Resolution passes that would affect the tax dollars going to the schools. TUSD had proposed a Resolution in opposition, which it did not pass at the TUSD Board meeting.

There is great concern if these Resolutions pass they will damage many of the small businesses providing goods and services to Contractors that would be participating in the construction of the wall.

Coordinators Report- Patrick Cavanaugh proposed the SBC discontinue the Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors, since it is three years behind. Commissioner Goodman disagreed; that is the way the SBC communicates with the BOS. It was decided to add it as an action item for the next meeting.

Mr. Cavanaugh reported that Chicanos Por La Causa is doing great things with Access to Capital. They have been making loans from micro-loans \$7000.00 up to 1.5 million. The services that come with the loans is much like the services provided by MAC, where they walk the businesses thru the process and teach them how to run their businesses effectively. He will be contacting them to come and present to the SBC at a future meeting.

Community Outreach Follow -Up- Chairwoman Free, Commissioner Hook and Patrick Cavanaugh went to Arivaca to meet with Arivaca Alive, a not for profit group, which representing the approximately 50-60 businesses in the area. That group is now defunct and out of service. They did meet with several of the local businesses and found they have several issues. Their focus was on Ruby Road, which is in need of much repair and is not a County maintained road.

They also stated that half of the population is gone. They are down to approximately 650 residents. The younger people are moving out of Arivaca because there are no job opportunities for them. Since Arivaca is such a unique community and so close to the border, they would like to become a tourist destination.

There is talk of a bed and breakfast, and a possible exotic meat butcher. At this time, they felt there was no need for any help from the SBC and will call if they would like any assistance.

The Commission is now considering the Vail area as an outreach community. There are several contacts in Vail, The Vail Preservation Society, Esmond Station School, the Vail Chamber of Commerce. A motion for Chairwoman Free to make contact was made by Commissioner Blumenthal and seconded by Commissioner Goodman, motion passed unanimously. Chairwoman Free will make contact and report at the next meeting.

JTED Report- Commissioner Goodman reported on JTED. He suggested that JTED be added to the PC Economic Development Plan under the work force section. JTED is adding many newly trained workers into the workforce. Many of the corporations coming to Tucson need more trained workers. Pima Community College is putting out great workers but, only about 40 a year, this is not enough to fill the demand. JTED will be kept on future agendas for further discussion.

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.