



Thursday, March 16, 2017

3:00PM

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

**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 February 16 minutes were approved.

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

- April the SBC will have a guest speaker from the PC Health Department.
- There will also be a new Commissioner from District 2, he will be approved at the March 21 BOS meeting. Scott Krenzer owner of Cell Trees Inc. will be joining us in April. We will then again have a full Commission.
- Linda McCallum program director from the PC Attorney’s Office Bad Check Program will be 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. If the SBC votes to support, a representative from the SBC will be present at the Budget Hearings in May to speak in support of the request.
- Economic Development Plan- Review of Chapter 12 for discussion at the April meeting
- 2018 Small Business Award- Commissioners Blumenthal and Goodman will continue to work on the application form.
- Community Outreach- Commissioner Hook has suggested Arivaca to be our next outreach community. Arivaca is a small rural community south of Green Valley with a population of approximately 700-900. There are approximately 50 businesses and a not for profit group called Arivaca Alive. Commissioner Hook will attempt to find a contact to see if they want our help. Vice Chair Done motioned to vote for the SBC to go to Arivaca, motion seconded by Commissioner Goodman, Commissioner Hook will make contact and report at the next meeting.

**Vice-Chairs’ Report**-Vice Chair Done will be meeting with Golder Ranch Fire Department and three other fire departments in the area to discuss the fire inspection fees.

**JTED- Commissioner Goodman**- reviewed the PC Economic Development Plan and found it in Chapter 9, page 12. It is a very small section under *Support for small and emerging businesses*. Commissioner Goodman wanted the record to reflect that JTED should have a bigger representation in the Economic Development Plan in the future.

**City of Tucson State of the City**- Commissioner Pina attended the State of the City. Mayor Rothschild received a small business award for the Hot Line Service that assists small businesses. The award was also for the work the City has done with small businesses for importing and exporting in the international market.

**City of Tucson Small Business Commission**- there have not been any meetings for the City SBC for the last six months due to lack of a quorum. It was suggested to reach out to the City SBC to see if there is anything, we can do to assist them in getting their commission going again. Commissioner Pina will reach out to her contacts at the City of Tucson.

**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 3:40 PM.