

Thursday, February 16, 2017

3:00PM

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance – Vice-Chairwoman Done led the pledge.

Approvals of Minutes- Minutes of the January 19 minutes were approved with one correction.

Chairs' Report- Chairwoman Free -No report.

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

Coordinators Report- Patrick Cavanaugh received an e-mail from the University of Arizona College Of Law regarding a workshop on Patent Trolls. The SBC has reviewed this topic in the past. These companies maliciously target obscure patents of small companies. Such as scanning machines, someone has gone out and bought the patent on the scanner programs and suddenly the company receives a demand letter demanding money for the use of the scanner program threatening patent infringement. Patrick will send out the invitation and everyone is invited to attend.

Monsanto has withdrawn its request for FTZ power of agreement the BOS was considering. Tied to the FTZ Pilot were a number of things such as the Science Commission to review reports coming from the company and monitor the MOU. A Citizens Committee to monitor farming interests, local first interests and other issues. They will continue to move forward and continue building. Patrick held several public meetings with Monsanto to attempt to dispel some of the misinformation out there. From an Economic Development point of view a hundred million dollars investment and fifty jobs. The Commission will continue to monitor the project.

2016 Small Business Award Review - the 2016 SBC Awards will be presented at the February 21 meeting of the Board of Supervisors, there will be a Notice of Possible Quorum submitted in case there are more than six Commissioners present. The businesses have been contacted and there will be representatives there from both companies.

2017 WORK PLAN- there was great discussion on the 2017 Work Plan.

- PC Economic Development Plan- Patrick will bring copies to the next meeting. He will also speak to County Administrator Huckelberry as to what roles the SBC will have on certain topics for review.
- Mexico Trade- there have been many forums with Mexico, Patrick will check with Teresa Bravo for topics, which may be good for the SBC to look into.
- Small Business Fire Inspections-County and City

SHORT TERM

PC Sherriff Napier
PC Health Department
PC Wastewater Department
PC Development Services Fees
PC Small Business Resource Center
Women's Business Center at YWCA, Director Victor Mercado
Micro Business Advancement Center
New ASBA President

- Small Business Advocacy Organizations
- City of Tucson Liaison
Sharing of meetings and minutes of other Commissions or Committees
- Outreach
Issues in different Commissioner area districts
Arivaca Green Valley
Catalina
- PC Development Services
 - PC DEQ
 - PC Wastewater
 - PC Development Services Fees

LONG TERM

- Legislative Agenda
- GPLET- Government Programs
- SBC Award Changes- Commissioners Goodman & Blumenthal

Call to the Public-

- Chairwoman Free has been appointed as the liaison for Supervisor Christy to represent the Vail area.
- February 21 presentation of the Small Business Awards at the BOS Meeting
- March 7- Dr. Alan Storm Center Ribbon Cutting at 5293 S. Liberty Ave. 4:30 PM
- Prosperity Project Taskforce Recap- Commissioner Schutte's letter of support was reviewed by the Commission and approved. The letter will be rewritten on SBC letterhead and Chairwoman Free will be in to sign the letter to be forwarded Patrick for forwarding to the County Administrator, BOS, and the appropriate parties addressed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.