

**Pima County Small Business Commission
Meeting**

Thursday, March 21, 2019
3:00 P.M.

County Administration Building
130 W. Congress, 6th Floor
Tucson, Arizona

SUMMARY OF MEETING

Committee Members Present

Ken Goodman, Chairman
Lyra Done(via conference call)
Kent Blumenthal
Lucretia Free
Jenni Zimmerman
Mark Miller (via conference call)
Juan Padres
Gabrielle David (via conference call)

Committee Members Absent

Rhonda Pina
Michael Mallozzi

Staff that Addressed the Committee

Pima County:
Patrick Cavanaugh, Economic
Development
Deseret Romero, Economic
Development

Guest Speaker:

Terri Spencer, Pima County Procurement

Guests:

Supervisor Steve Christy

MOTIONS

MOTION: Kent Blumenthal moved, seconded by Lucretia Free to approve the February 2019 meeting minutes. Motion approved 8-0.

MOTION: Ken Goodman moved, seconded by Kent Blumenthal to change the Mt. Lemmon Subcommittee to a "working group". Motion approved 8-0.

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 3:09 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Kent Blumenthal moved, seconded by Lucretia Free to approve the February 2019 meeting minutes. Motion approved 8-0.

4. Chairman's Report

Chairman Goodman opted to combine his report with Item #13 JTED. The Chairman updated the Commission on a recent meeting with the JTED Superintendent and was optimistic that the 9th grade JTED funding would be restored. The Superintendent also informed the Chairman that they were in the preliminary discussions with The Bridges for the new JTED south side site.

Commission Coordinator Patrick Cavanaugh informed the Commission of Commissioner Done's recent recognition by the JTED Superintendent for efforts in the early days of JTED.

The Chairman provided a few more additional updates. (1) the recent completion of the signage at Shannon and River and (2) the JTED Graduation would be held at the Kino Stadium.

5. Vice Chair's Report

No report, per Vice-Chair Miller.

6. Coordinator's Report

Mr. Cavanaugh updated the Commission on the following items:

- The 2019-2021 Economic Development Plan Update
- Commissioner Mallozzi's recent announcement that his business is expanding into Phoenix.
- Arizona Daily Star (layoffs and move of printing operations to Phoenix)
- Pima County Sign Code

7. Pima County Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program Overview Presentation

Ms. Terri Spencer with Pima County Procurement provided a presentation (attached) on the Pima County Procurement process for small businesses.

Mr. Cavanaugh inquired as to the release of the 2018 Small Business Enterprise Annual Report. Ms. Spencer noted that the report was still being worked on, however she would send to Mr. Cavanaugh for the Commission once the report had been finalized.

Ms. Spencer answered the Commissioner's specific questions related to the Procurement process and small businesses.

8. Broadcasting of Pima County Small Business Commission Meetings

Mr. Cavanaugh updated the Commission on the recent Board of Supervisor's direction to record all Commission/Committee meetings. The Communications Director has been asked by the County Administrator to draft a plan for his review and approval.

12. Small Business Commission Awards 2019 Development Process

Commissioner Blumenthal presented a DRAFT 2019 SBC awards development process. The Commissioners discussed the DRAFT. In reference to the application submission by a "customer", Commissioner Free shared concerns about how to verify that the business information was indeed correct. Commissioner Blumenthal suggested that he and County staff meet to work out the details.

10. Discussion: Commissioner Padres and the Workforce Investment Board

Commissioner Padres notified the Commission of his recent acceptance of a position with TuSimple.

11. Community/Rural Outreach: Mt. Lemmon (subcommittee)

Commissioner Free note that the Subcommittee was continuing to meet regularly and continued to discuss the following issues that affect the Mt. Lemmon community.

- Trash
- Community Center and County Parks fee discussion
- Sewage Capacity
- Mt. Lemmon Bea

The Commission discussed the notion of changing the subcommittee to a working group due to quorum issues. The Commission agreed that the working group option made more sense for the group.

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9. Amazon: Distribution Center and Local Small Business

No report, per Mr. Cavanaugh.

13. JTED Update/Discussion of Pima County Assistance to JTED

Discussed simultaneously with the Chairman's report.

14. Other Commission Reports

None.

15. Future Agenda Items

Chairman Goodman suggested inviting Lea Marquez Petersen (former Tucson Hispanic Chamber President) to speak at a future Small Business Commission meeting. Commissioner Free expressed her concerns with inviting a consultant to speak at the Commission meetings. Commissioner Blumenthal shared Commissioner Free's concerns to which Commissioner Zimmerman suggested that they invite the new Tucson Hispanic Chamber President.

Chairman Goodman expressed his desire to invite Ms. Marquez-Petersen due to her history with small businesses and being the former Tucson Hispanic Chamber President. The Chairman then provided additional potential items for the next agenda.

- Sheriff's Department
- Bill Nordbrock

16. Call to the Public

No one spoke.

17. Adjournment (5:15 p.m.)