

**Pima County Small Business Commission  
Meeting**

Thursday, October 17, 2019  
3:00 P.M.

County Administration Building  
130 W. Congress, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Tucson, Arizona

**SUMMARY OF MEETING**

**Committee Members Present**

Ken Goodman, Chairman  
Jenni Zimmerman  
Lucretia Free  
Bernie Wiegandt  
Michael Mallozzi  
Kent Blumenthal  
Gabrielle David (Over the phone)  
Mark Miller (Over the phone)

**Committee Members Absent**

Lyra Done  
Rhonda Pina  
Juan Padres

**Staff that Addressed the Committee**

Pima County:

Patrick Cavanaugh, Economic Development  
Deseret Romero, Economic Development

Guests:

Beth Borozan, Supervisor Steve Christy's Office  
Maria Klucarova , Supervisor Sharon Bronson's Office

**MOTIONS**

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**MOTION:** Kent Blumenthal moved, seconded by Mike Mazzolli to send Paws Patrol Inc. a letter thanking them for submitting an application for the 2019 Small Business Commission Non-profit category award. Motion approved 8-0. (No applicant was selected for this category.)

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### MEETING SUMMARY

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 3:05 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:** Lucretia Free moved, seconded by Kent Blumenthal to approve the September 2019 meeting minutes. Motion approved 6-0; 1 abstention (Miller).

4. Chairman's Report

Chairman Goodman discussed the following topics:

- TuSimple Tour
- Important to visit industries
- Growing Tucson – great economy
- Would like to visit World View
  - o Commission Coordinator Patrick Cavanaugh noted that he would communicate with World View;
  - o World View does work with small/local suppliers; and
  - o He would create a list related to small business.

11. JTED Update

The Chairman announced that the new JTED building at The Bridges would open in August of 2020. He hoped that the Commission would be able to attend.

Mr. Cavanaugh shared his recent conversation with the Superintendent about the new curriculum related to small business and entrepreneurship. He hoped to received additional information related to the programs that he could share with the Commission.

5. Vice Chair's Report

No report.

6. Coordinator's Report

No report.

7. SBC Awards 2019: Nominations, final selection and presentation planning

The Commission reviewed and discussed the applications by category.

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Mr. Cavanaugh shared the historical format for the award presentation at the Board of Supervisors meeting. After a short discussion, it was determined that the awards would be placed on the Board of Supervisors November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda.

8. REVISED Work Plan: Discussion and approval of 2019 Work Plan and final details related to communication with industry groups

Mr. Cavanaugh shared an alternative idea on how to communicate with the various business groups to obtain the information that the Commission was seeking. Mr. Cavanaugh suggested that he create a survey to be shared with the various organizations beginning with the Chambers.

9. Community/Rural Outreach: Mt. Lemmon discussion (to include draft letter to the Pima County Sheriff)

Mr. Cavanaugh shared the draft letter to Sheriff Mark Napier he prepared for the Commission per their September 2019 direction to County staff.

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10. Amazon Update

Mr. Cavanaugh provided the Commission with a brief update and noted that he would try to coordinate a tour of the fulfillment center.

12. Other Commission Reports

No reports.

14. Future Agenda Items

The Commission provided the following direction related to future agenda items:

- Regulatory Review: Regional Wastewater
- Economic Resiliency in Pima County (Commissioner Mallozzi)
- Regional Branding
- County-wide Small Business Survey (to be added as a standing item)

15. Call to the Public

No one spoke.

16. Adjournment (4:49 p.m.)

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Motion approved 7-0.

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