

**Pima County Small Business Commission
Meeting**

Thursday, July 2, 2020
3:00 P.M.

Video Conference/Telephonic Meeting

SUMMARY OF MEETING

Committee Members Present

Kent Blumenthal, Chairman
Ken Goodman
Gabrielle David
Mark Miller
Lucretia Free
Guillermo Gallegos
Raul Aguirre

Committee Members Absent

Juan Padres
Bernie Wiegandt, Vice-Chair
Jenni Zimmerman

Staff that Addressed the Committee

Pima County:

Patrick Cavanaugh, Economic Development
Deseret Romero, Economic Development

Guests on the call:

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

MOTIONS

MOTION: Commissioner Ken Goodman moved, seconded by Commissioner Lucretia Free, to approve the June 22, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion approved 7-0.

MOTION: Commissioner Lucretia Free moved, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielle David to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved 7-0.

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 3:09 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted by Ms. Deseret Romero to start the meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Ken Goodman moved, seconded by Commissioner Lucretia Free, to approve the June 22, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion approved 7-0.

4. Chair's Report

Chairman Blumenthal stated Mr. Josh Jacobsen's had been appointed as at large-Commissioner but the appointment was awaiting ratification by the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Jacobsen was observing today's videoconference but would not be participating. Chairman Blumenthal provided a general overview of the Awards Subcommittee and other agenda items to be discussed.

5. Coordinator's Report

Commission Coordinator Patrick Cavanaugh announced the impending resignation of Commission Lucretia Free. Natasha Herzig has been appointed by Supervisor Steve Christy to fill Commissioner Free's seat and that appointment was also awaiting ratification by the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Cavanaugh said he was also in contact with Juan Ciscomani of the Arizona Governor's office and was attempting to arrange the participation of Mr. Ciscomani or Becky Freeman, the director of the Governor's Southern Arizona office, for the next Small Business Commission meeting.

The Commission and Mr. Cavanaugh thanked Commissioner Free for her years of service on the Commission.

6. 2020 Small Business Commission Awards Program – report on meetings of the subcommittee

Chairman Blumenthal provided a brief overview of the 2020 Small Business Commission Subcommittee's work in developing the revised criteria and supporting materials for the 2020 Small Business Commission awards program.

The Commission discussed the DRAFT 2020 awards program. The Commission amended the category criteria to place emphasis on small business achievements as they relate to the COVID-19 pandemic.

MOTION: Commissioner Raul Aguirre moved, seconded by Commissioner Ken Goodman, to accept the DRAFT 2020 Small Business Commission Awards Program as submitted to the Commission as amended. Motion approved 7-0.

Mr. Cavanaugh inquired as to the status of the subcommittee. The Chairman responded that the subcommittee was terminated unless the Commission determined it is necessary to meet again.

Chairman Blumenthal asked that county staff move forward with the revised 2020 awards program. Mr. Cavanaugh noted that he would returned at the next Commission meeting with the detailed logistics for the 2020 awards program.

7. Federal, State and Pima County COVID-19 Related Items

a. Update: Pima County resolution requiring face masks/business enforcement

Mr. Cavanaugh discussed recent memorandum by the County Administrator regarding Resolution 2020-49 (face coverings) and the Board of Supervisors July 7th meeting.

b. Update: Pima County Business Assistance programs; existing and proposed

Mr. Cavanaugh noted the following:

- Pima County's activity related to CARES.
- Badge Program/ Pima Ready for You
- SHOP Voucher Program (HOWND)
- Local First AZ (micro grants – micro businesses)
- Downtown Tucson Partnership – PPE Assistance
- JobPath – expansion of services
- Small Business Grant Program (in discussion phase)

Commissioner Aguirre commended the County and City for their work on the voucher program. He also noted the grateful responses by businesses that he has been hearing from.

Commissioner Aguirre also noted the launch of the Badge Program the day prior.

c. Update: Federal Paycheck Protection Program in Pima County

Mr. Cavanaugh and the Commission discussed the lack of information and how the data could be analyzed.

d. Update: Arizona Governor's June 29, 2020 Executive Order for Business

Mr. Cavanaugh provided a brief review of the Governor's June 29th Executive Order.

8. Agenda items for July 16, 2020 meeting

The Commission discussed the following future agenda items:

- Governor's Office Representative (update/Questions)
- JTED Update
- Health Department Representative (Update/Questions)
- Small Business Assistance Program Update
- Adding specific agenda items to future agendas

9. Call to the Public

The following attendees spoke at call to the public:

- Maria Klucarova, Supervisor Sharon Bronson's Office greeted the Commission.
- Beth Borozan, Supervisor Steve Christy's Office greeted the Commission.

11. Adjournment (4:21 p.m.)

Chairman Blumenthal thanked Commissioner Free for her years of service on the Small Business Commission meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Lucretia Free moved, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielle David to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved 7-0.