

**Pima County Small Business Commission
County Administration Building
130 W. Congress, 1st Floor
Thursday, February 18th, 2010
3:00 P.M.**

Members Present

Tom Ward
Lea Marquez-Peterson
Pat Taviss
Ken Goodman
Jerry Long
Lyra Done
Edie Lake

Members Absent

Joy Soler
Jim Leader, Jr.

Others Present

Tom Moulton
Aurora Hernandez
George Widugiris
John Carter
Laurel Parker
Warren Thompson
Tom McGovern
Leonard Fontes
Jerry Pelland
Andrea Kelly

Call to order- the meeting was called to order by Tom Ward, Chairman at 3:00 P.M.

Approvals of Minutes- The minutes from the January 20th, 2010 meeting were approved, unanimously.

Chairman's Report- The Chairman reviewed the following: his February 5, 2010 Interim Report to the Board of Supervisors on the February 4, 2010 public hearing: the County Administrator's memorandum of February 16 2010 praising the Commission's public hearing; the recording secretary's fine efforts to update the Commission's website, including the information on the public hearing; and his statistical analysis memorandum concerning the public hearing. All memoranda were made available to the Commission.

The Chairman discussed the February 12, 2010 letter he received from Director of Transportation, Priscilla Cornelio. The letter reviewed some of the concerns expressed by professional service firms at the public hearing, and also expressed her department's concerns about delaying three highway projects.

The Chairman suggested that since the Commission's recommendations would not materially affect the award of these three projects, that the Commission should recommend to the Board that it proceed with the award. After discussion the Commission voted unanimously to so recommend.

The Chairman reviewed his memorandum on criteria for selection of the 2011 SBC award.

Director's Report- Tom Moulton, Pima County Economic Development, Director, gave a report on the status of the proposed Pima County Bond election. Mr. Moulton stated due to the state of the economy the election will be delayed until at least 2011. The Bond Committee is still voting on project selections and will reconvene in April of 2010, there are many capital projects on the agenda to be discussed.

Small Business Award Trophy- Jerry Long reported the trophy is being designed and made by the students at JTED. Mr. Long reported they are changing the diamond shape to a pyramid, and the name of the business can be changed accordingly as the years and businesses change. He expected that the trophy will be available for the Commission to view at the March Meeting.

Recommendations for the Commission's final report on County Professional Services Procurement Policies- There was a lengthy and spirited discussion on the Commission's final report. All seven Commissioner's present, as well as some members of the audience, commented. The discussion revolved around two major points: improving the evaluation committee selection process for the QBS and QCL selection procedures; and possible changes to be proposed to A.R.S. Title 34. Because such changes are legislative actions, the Commission felt that it should create a special committee or task force to prepare recommendations for the Board of Supervisors to consider for recommendation at the 2011 session of the State Legislature. Such a special entity could include representatives of the A&E community and county procurement staff. The Chairman said he would prepare a draft report for the Commission's review prior to the next meeting.

Other Commissioners Reports- Lea Marquez-Peterson and Pat Taviss attended Chamber Day in Phoenix and reported a 1% sales tax increase proposal has been approved by the legislature and will be voted on later this year by the people.

Call to the Public- Members of the audience, included architects and engineers praised the Commission for their efforts.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 P.M.