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Pima County Small Business Commission
County Administration Building
130 W. Congress, 1st Floor
Thursday, June 17, 2010
3:00 P.M.

Members Present

Tom Ward
Ken Goodman
Lyra Done
Lea Marquez-Peterson
Jerry Long
Daphne Philabaum

Others Present

Tom Moulton

Members Absent

Jim Leader, Jr.
Pat Taviss
Joy Soler
Edie Lake

Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ward at 3:00 pm.

Introductions and announcements_ Introductions were made. Dabney Philabaum the newest member of the Commission introduced herself. Ms. Philabaum is the Director and owner of the Philabaum Art Gallery and Studio, located near downtown Tucson at the Five Points Intersection since 1980.

Approval of Minutes-Minutes from May 20 meeting were approved, Ms. Peterson added the fact that she is the *Chair* of the So AZ Chamber Alliance.

Tom Moulton- Directors Report

MTCVB- the budget for MTCVB is down from 11.5 million to 6.7. The reduction in revenue is due to the City changing their funding formula. The 10 years agreement would provide 45% bed tax which is now decreased to 33%. Oro Valley is reinstating their funding for MTCVB with \$71,000.

MTCVB will begin an educational PR campaign re: SB 1070 and the new gun laws. They would like to clear up any misconceptions of the SB 1070. This will be a state wide campaign. The AZ office of Tourism has a website at www.AZOT.gov with question and answers.

Response to Boycott- the Commission voted on a motion to take a memorandum to the Board of Supervisors opposing the boycott. The Commission will also be sending a delegation to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to discuss an opposition to the boycott. Motion carried.

It was suggested to send a letter to the boycotting agencies from the Commission, stating how it is affecting the Small Businesses in Arizona. Also sending a thank you letter to the companies that **are** coming to Arizona regardless of the boycott was suggested.

Annual report to the Board of Supervisors- an annual report to the Board of Supervisors is being prepared by Chairman Ward with a possible presentation at one of the July Board meetings. It was suggested to include the proposal to the City Small Business Commission to work with the County Commission. Ken Goodman is our liaison to the City Commission.

Projects for 2010-2011-

1. The administration of the Commission's ad hoc Committee to Review State Procurement Statutes (CRSPS)
2. Convene a forum composed of representatives from all the chambers of commerce in Pima County and other organizations tasked with the responsibility or aiding small business.
3. Consider means by which the Commission can help small business involved in the construction industry.
4. Investigate the role the Commission can play in helping Pima County's tourism industry, particularly the hospitality segment.
5. Preparation for the Commission's "Small Business of the Year Award" for 2011.

New Business-CRSPS, will comprise of four members from the Commission; 4 from architect and engineering firms consisting of, 2 from local firms and 2 from national firms. The four from the Commission will be Ken Goodman, Lyra Done, Jerry Long, Lea Marquez-Peterson. Ken Goodman will serve as vice-chairman of CRSPS. There was lively discussion as to who will serve from the A&E community. The Chairman will have a schedule, and list of suggested names to serve on the Committee at the next meeting for the meetings.

Support Staff- the Chairman will be speaking to Mr. Atha to see if there is anyway there are any monies available to the Commission for staff. He will make a list to present to Mr. Huckelberry with duties for a part time person for 20 hours a week to help with the Commission and CRSPS. There was a motion before the Commission for Ken Goodman, Tom Moulton and Chairman Ward to present to Mr. Huckelberry. Motion carried.

Summer schedule- the July meeting will be held on July 15th, with a break in August. There will be NO meeting in August.

Other Commissioners Reports:

Civil Rights Initiative was brought up by Lea Marquez-Peterson to see if the Commission can take a stand opposing the initiative. This initiative will hurt minorities and women business enterprises. There are a group of organizations gathering to discuss an opposition.

JTED- JTED is taking a break during the summer but will be active in the upcoming school year.

Call to the Public- no comments.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM