

Pima County Small Business Commission

County Administration Building
130 W. Congress, 1st Floor
Thursday, July 16, 2009
3:00 P.M.

Members Present

Tom Ward
Lea Marquez-Peterson
Pat Taviss
Ken Goodman
Jerry Long
Joy Soler
Edie Lake

Others Present

Tom Moulton
Aurora Hernandez
Stephen Hart
Patrick Cavanaugh
Kiki Navarro

Members Absent

Lyra Done
Jim Leader, Jr.

Call to order/Pledge- The meeting was called to order at 3:00 by Tom Ward, Chairman, who led the pledge.

Minutes- from the June 18th, 2009 meeting were passed, unanimously.

Member Introductions- Edie Lake the newest member of the Commission was introduced. Ms. Lake is the owner of Gasoline Alley in Green Valley. Gasoline Alley is a full service auto repair shop she runs along with her husband.

Chairman's report-

- SBDC letter to Sharon Bronson asking for TREO funding for the SBDC was approved by the Commission. * *letter enclosed*
- June 23, 2009 Memorandum from County Administrator Huckelberry was discussed. There will be a formal request from the Commission to modify 2003 ordinance to request annual hearings, and reports to the Board of Supervisors.

Director's Report- Tom Moulton

- *Update on Pima County Budget-* Mr. Moulton reported that a tentative budget had been passed by the Board of Supervisors. A public hearing will take place on July 28 to discuss a tax increase of 4.3%. Outside agencies will suffer a 10% cut on their funding from Pima County and the will lose 15.5% from the City of Tucson. * *Memo from the BOS enclosed*
- *Chambers Report-* Chambers are now dealing with an increasing inconsistency between the County and City re: signage. Sandwich boards have a specified size, color, and size of lettering, and logos, but it seem enforcement is very scattered. Some businesses aren't even aware that there are restrictions.

New Business-

- *Presentation by Steve Hart, Sr. Manager for SBA in Southern Arizona-* Mr. Hart gave a presentation on current SBA programs. He spoke about the 4 major duties of the SBA.
 1. Loans- working with banks to assist in getting loans for small business
 2. Counseling and Training
 3. Assistance in Federal procurement procedures
 4. Assistance in dealing with Congress and Regulating agencies
- *Request to TREO on SBDC Funding-* the letter approved by the Commission to Supervisor Sharon Bronson requesting funding for SBDC from TREO is enclosed.
- *Request to the Board of Supervisors on amending Commission's 2003 establishing ordinance-*the Commission approved a request to the Board of Supervisors to amend the 2003 ordinance to have the authority for public meetings. It was voted that the wording would be "we MAY" have annual reports instead of "we WILL" The Chairman will submit the request to the Board of Supervisors, through Mr. Huckelberry's office.

Unfinished Business-

- New ID badges are being designed by Catherine Strickland and will be presented at the next SBC meeting.

Commissioner's Reports-

- *JTED report*- Ken Goodman gave a report on the JTED program. Mr. Goodman stated that there are more controls since the first year on budget issues. Now the budget must go before the Business and Industry Committee for approval. The Business and Industry Committee reports to the JTED Board.
- *City of Tucson SBC*- the July meeting of the City of Tucson Small Business Commission will have Commissioner Ken Goodman on the agenda July 23rd to report to the City SBC. Mr. Goodman will report on the projects taking place now and ask to have someone from their Commission attend our September meeting.
- *Lea Marquez-Peterson report on the ARC loans*- Commissioner Marquez-Peterson and Chairman Ward attended a workshop presented by Congressman Raul Grijalva. The Small Business "Access to Capital" workshop was held on June 30th at Pima Community College

Future agenda items-

- Commissioner Marquez-Peterson will attend the Southern Arizona Round Table meeting, and will report back to the Commission at the next meeting.
- The Chairman solicited opinions on having an August meeting. Some members expressed a desire to do so. The chairman will talk to the Clerk of the Board to see if we can have an August meeting without violating the Open Meeting Law.

Call to the Public- no response.

Adjournment- meeting was adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

Encl.

Letter to Supervisor Sharon Bronson w. SBDC mission statement
BOS July 7 tentative Budget