

**Pima County Small Business Commission**  
**County Administration Building**  
**130 W. Congress, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**  
**Thursday, July 19, 2012**  
**3:00 P.M.**

**Members Present**

Ken Goodman  
Tom Ward  
Lyra Done  
Hal Burns III  
Pat Brown  
John Peck- telephonically  
Jerry Long

**Others Present**

Tom Moulton  
Katherine Kent-City of Tucson SBC  
Allison Solomon -

**Members Absent**

Edie Lake  
Dabney Philabaum  
Joy Soler

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

**Pledge of Allegiance-** Chairman Goodman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Introductions-** Katherine Kent the Chair from the Small, Minority Owned Businesses of Tucson and the City of Tucson Small Business Commission was introduced, also present was Allison Solomon from the Tucson Metro Chamber of Commerce.

**Directors Report-** Chairman Goodman met with George Widugiris regarding the General Contractors/Sub Contractors changes to the Procurement Code. Mr. Widugiris has been very cooperative. Vice Chairman Ward also met with Mr. Widugiris and will discuss that on his report later on in the Agenda.

Chairman Goodman brought in some newspaper articles re: the City of Phoenix adding \$50, million into local banks for small businesses. And the rational is they are expecting a higher return on their investment. The local banks will be making the loans to small businesses. The banks will be administering the loans.

Master Card and Visa have made a \$6 billion settlement. Commissioner Lake will have a full report in September.

**AUGUST MEETING-** there will be no meeting in August. The Commission will reconvene in September.

**Katherine Kent- Small, Minority, and Women Owned Business Commission-** Ms. Kent gave a presentation on single use plastic bags. In 2009 the City of Tucson passed an Ordinance re: the single use plastic bags, the bags you get at the grocery store. Members of the Arizona Food Marketers Association and the Arizona Food Retailer Association came together and came up with an ordinance; if you have a retail store with more than 10,000 square feet, and sell more than 25% of your revenue, and you have more than two locations, then you are to put in a recycle center in your store. That has become very successful, a company from Nevada comes and picks up the bags and recycles them to make more bags, playground furniture, etc.

The City of Tucson has set up a group to go back to Mayor and Council in September as to what the next step is to be in continuing the recycling program.

There is a great environmental danger posed by these bags. Many states and municipalities have banned the plastic bags, along with paper bags, and are going to the recycle bags, which are either sold or given by the local stores.

Ms. Kent will send the results of any information that the group compiles to the SBC.

**Directors Report- Tom Moulton**

**MTCVB Audit Committee-** the Audit committee is finishing up their Audit report. The final report presentation was presented to the BOS on July 10. The new Director Brent DeRaad has been meeting with the BOS on a regular basis and is cooperating completely with the recommendations.

The Board and the Stakeholders will now be working together to continue helping with the changes to the MTCVB. There are three initiatives to be met by the MTCVB. The first is to continue monitoring the progress of the changes for full transparency. The second is, how to market Tucson is on a regional approach, where all the municipalities are represented. And the third would be to include citizens in a review committee to monitor the progress.

**Vice Chairman Report-**

**Annual Report-** Vice Chairman Ward passed out copies of the Annual Report that will be presented to the BOS in August. The main points of the report from last year revolved around several projects including the Revolving Loan Fund, CRSPS, MTCVB Audit, amongst other completed projects.

**Prosperity Fund Criteria Committee-** Vice-Chairman Ward has suggested creating an ad hoc committee with five members from the private sector lending organizations (banks, credit unions) and five from the SBC. This committee will review the criteria; private fund committee then forwards the criteria to the SBC, and on to the attorney, and on to the BOS. The fund pool would be at least \$5 million. The loans would range from \$5,000.00, and up to \$50,000.00.

It was suggested this project be forwarded to the One Stop Center. Tom Moulton will be checking with the MicroBusiness Advancement Center (MAC) to see how their project was implemented and its' progress.

**Credit Card Issues-** Several small businesses have concerns regarding the credit card fees and the timeliness of getting paid thru credit cards. The SBC will try to have a hearing involving Small Businesses to discuss the issues.

A motion was called to approve the Annual Report, motion approved.

**Future Agenda Item-**

- Ombudsman for Pima County
- Credit Card processing issues affecting small businesses
- Rural and unincorporated areas
- Appointment of new Member at Large

**Call to the Public- No response.**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.**