

**Pima County Small Business Commission  
County Administration Building  
130 W. Congress, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Thursday, June 21, 2012  
2:30 P.M.**

**Members Present**

Ken Goodman  
Tom Ward  
Lyra Done  
Edie Lake  
Pat Brown  
John Peck  
Jerry Long  
Joy Soler  
Hal Burns III

**Others Present**

Tom Moulton  
Marion Hook  
Allison Solomon

**Members Absent**

Dabney Philabaum

**Call to Order-** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Goodman at 2:30 pm.

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

**Introductions-** New Commissioner Hal Burns III was introduced to the Commission. Mr. Burns is the owner and operator of Jalopy's Grillville and Brewery. He was appointed by Supervisor Ann Day to replace John Peters.

**Approvals of Minutes-** The minutes from the May 17, 2012 meeting were approved, unanimously

**Directors Report-** Chairman Goodman met with George Widugiris regarding the General Contractors/Sub Contractors changes to the Procurement Code. An audit was done by Pima County Procurement, and Mr. Widugiris stated at this time there was no significant effect with the changes done for the Architecture and Engineering firms. The Commission would like to continue with the pursuit of the changes for the General Contractors.

Chairman Goodman will go thru the Association of Sub Contractors and other construction associations to compile a group along with members of the SBC to form a Committee. If anyone has any names to suggest for the Sub-Committee please forward them to Chairman Goodman.

**JTED-** JTED is beginning a program involving GED students. There is definitely a need for GED students to learn a trade. Any student under 21 is still eligible to take advantage of JTED training available to GED students.

**Directors Report-**

**MTCVB Audit Committee-** the Audit committee is finishing up their Audit report. The final report presentation to the BOS will be on July 10. They are still reviewing the 24 points recommended by the Committee. The Board and the Stakeholders will now be working together to continue helping with the changes to the CVB.

The new Director Brent DeRaad has been meeting with the BOS on a regular basis and is cooperating completely with the recommendations.

**Vice Chairman Report-**

**Annual Report-** Vice Chairman Ward will be working on the Annual Report. He will be trying to get the report ready for presentation 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.

Vice-Chairman Ward asked for suggestions for next year's projects to add to the report. Last year there were five projects completed. These items will be added to the Future Agenda Items for the July meeting. Possible issues are; an Ombudsman for Pima County, the Credit Card issues for small businesses and possibly writing a Resolution or legislation to help with this issue. This will be revisited at the July 19 meeting.

**Revolving Loan Fund Report-** County Administrator CH Huckelberry incorporated the Revolving Loan Fund report into his Memo re: Economic Development Opportunities to Promote Job Growth and Retention in Pima County. The Commission will be working on a presentation for the BOS regarding the Revolving Loan Fund. Mr. Moulton and Vice-Chairman Ward will be looking into incentive programs for small businesses.

**COT Small Business Commission Report-** Marion Hook and Chairman Goodman gave a report on the COTSBC. The plastic bag issue is still being looked at. Some cities are charging a deposit for these bags. The possibility of people paying for them will keep them from littering them everywhere.

Marion Hook has invited everyone to the next COT meeting where City Ombudsman Maricella Solis will give her report of her first 100 days.

#### **Other Commissioners Reports-**

Commissioner Lake commented on the Small Business Award. She has asked our new Communications Dept. to put out a press release before the Award presentation. She will be in communication with them to see if there can be a press release for nominations for the 2013 award.

Commissioner Peck- had a meeting with County Administrator Huckelberry regarding rural area issues. They discussed a small business loan grant in conjunction with Freeport Mac Moran specifically for rural areas, such as Ajo, Sahuarita, and Green Valley.

Supervisor Bronson has been holding meetings in Ajo of the Economic Development Task Force to discuss the needs of the rural area. Mr. Huckelberry has asked for a report from the Task Force to get a better understanding of their needs.

#### **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-** Allison Solomon from the Tucson Chamber of Commerce commented that the City Council of Tucson has done a study on the possible need for changes to the Contractor and Sub-contractor issue and found that most contracts are already going to local companies.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.**