

Pima County Small Business Commission

**County Administration Building
130 W. Congress, 1st Floor
Thursday, July 17, 2008
3:00 p.m.**

Summary of Minutes

Attendance

Gerald Long
Jim Leader Jr.
Ken Goodman
Lea Marquez-Peterson
Lisa Lovallo
Tom Ward
Greg Geile

Not in Attendance

Rigo Lopez
Pat Taviss

Additional Attendees

Patrick Cavanaugh
Kiki Navarro
Aurora Hernandez

- The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Lisa Lovallo.
- First item was introductions of everyone in the room. New members were introduced.
- Approval of minutes for May 15, 2008.

Commissioner Reports

- **PROCUREMENT**-Lea Marquez-Peterson opened the discussion with procurement issues. The commission would like to see data on the material expenses and a report on the amount of monies being distributed to small businesses.

There was great discussion on a variety of procurement issues and it was decided that a joint meeting with the Tucson Small Business Commission was in order.

We are in the process of organizing a mass meeting with the various commissions and coalitions throughout the City of Tucson. Pima County and City of Tucson Procurement Directors, Pima County Board of Supervisors, Mayor Walkup, State Representatives, Phil Lopes, Raul Grijalva, Gabrielle Giffords, Pete Hershberger, will also be invited to have them give us information and ideas on how to proceed.

- **CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY-** Lea also touched on Certificates of Occupancy. It seems that 85% of small businesses are operating without Certificates. At this time there is a moratorium on enforcement. Development Services is trying to revise the codes. This will also be discussed at the joint County-City Small Business Commission meeting.
- **JTED-** Ken Goodman and Jerry Long gave updates on the JTED program. A new public relations person has been hired. Greg _____ will be scheduled to speak at a future meeting (possibly October).

It was suggested a field trip meeting be scheduled at the new facility bought and renovated by the JTED program. The building not only has administration offices there, but also has classrooms.

The JTED program is growing tremendously. All the classes for the upcoming year are now full. New programs are being implemented in CNA, HVAC, aviation technology, pre-engineering, automotive, bio-technology, culinary arts only to name a few.

- **NEW BUSINESS-** A meeting with Ann Day regarding the baseball tax was discussed and there is a possibility the legislature may come back for a new discussion. This will be set on the agenda for a later date.
- Richard Elias and Ramon Valadez will be contacted regarding the openings available in their districts for commissioners. There are currently two openings available.
- **OLD BUSINESS-** Lisa has sent a letter to the “Water Group” and is still waiting for a response. This will also be discussed at a later date.
- There is no meeting scheduled for August. The next meeting will be September 18th at 3p.m. Venue to be announced at a later date, due to the need for a larger meeting room.
- Call to the public –No response.
- Everyone was thanked for attending.
- Meeting adjourned- 4:10 p.m.