

**Pima County Small Business Commission
County Administration Building
130 W. Congress, 1st Floor
Thursday, March 21, 2013
3:00 P.M.**

Members Present

Ken Goodman
Tom Ward
Lyra Done
Gabrielle David
Jerry Long
Shelby Hawkins
Mark Finchem

Others Present

Patrick Cavanaugh
Aurora Hernandez

Members Absent

Dabney Philabaum
Joy Soler
Edie Lake
Pat Brown

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.

Approvals of Minutes- The minutes from the February 21, 2013 meeting were approved, unanimously.

Pima County Coordinators' Report- Patrick Cavanaugh reported that due to administrative procedures, Ms. Lyra Done, voted by the Commission as the "at large" Commissioner has to be ratified by the Board of Supervisors. The next BOS meeting will be held on April 2, 2013; therefore at this time Ms. Done will not be able to participate as a Commissioner until her loyalty oath has been renewed, she will be able to participate at "call to the public". Ms. Done will resume her commission at the April 18th meeting.

Film Incentive Bill- the film incentive bill has died, due to lack of support in the Legislature. The SBC will continue to monitor for the coming year.

Ajo Meeting- Supervisor Bronson is interested in including the SBC in her quarterly Ajo Marketing meeting in April. More details to follow.

Chairman's Report- JTED- Chairman Goodman reported on JTED. JTED is still doing great things even without the ninth grade funding. The morale is very high; the students are doing extremely well in representing Pima County JTED in scholastic competitions.

There also seems to be some progress in the Legislature in supporting a change in the current language in the State Law that restricts JTED District from training in facilities not "owned and operated" by JTED, to "operated by a joint technical education district". This would open the door for programs in business owned/provided facilities, such as Raytheon and Freeport Mac Moran.

Patent Infringements- the SBC is keeping a close eye on this issue. A letter from GHLN, a local architecture firm, being sued by the patent owners was passed out and reviewed. Patrick Cavanaugh will be researching a New Jersey group who is working on this issue. Mr. Cavanaugh will give a report on his findings at the next meeting at which time the SBC will decide what they can do to help from this end.

Vice Chairman Report -Pima Prosperity Fund- Vice Chairman Ward has met with *The Business Development Corporation*, and several other lending organizations. It looks like we are almost ready to go to the Board of Supervisors. Vice Chairman Ward will write a report to present to the Commission at the next meeting, after which it will go to the County Administrators.

Small Business of the Year Award- this issue was tabled for another meeting when Commissioner Lake will be in attendance.

COT Small Business Commission Report- Ms. Hook did not have a report due to the COT SBC not meeting this month.

Other Commissioners Reports –Commissioner Finchem gave a report on SB 1403. The Arizona Chamber of Commerce is very involved in re-writing the bill. This bill is tied to the United Nations Rio de Janiero Declaration on Environment & Development. Commissioner Finchem will report back at the next meeting regarding the progress in the Legislature of this bill.

Future Agenda items- the credit card processing issues, rural and unincorporated areas,

Call to the Public- Ms. Lyra Done spoke about arrangements being made for the SBC to go to Ajo for the April 18, 2013 meeting. Freeport Mac Moran will be providing transportation to Ajo for the Commissioners as well as lunch. This meeting will be a joint meeting with Supervisor Sharon Bronson and the Ajo Marketing Group. More details will be forthcoming as information becomes available.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.