

**Pima County Small Business Commission
Meeting**

Thursday, July 30, 2020
3:00 P.M.

Video Conference/Telephonic Meeting

SUMMARY OF MEETING

Committee Members Present

Kent Blumenthal, Chairman
Bernie Wiegandt, Vice-Chair
Jenni Zimmerman
Josh Jacobsen
Ken Goodman
Raul Aguirre
Mark Miller
Juan Padres

Committee Members Absent

Gabrielle David
Guillermo Gallegos
Natasha Herzig

Staff that Addressed the Committee

Pima County:

Patrick Cavanaugh, Economic Development
Deseret Romero, Economic Development

Guests on the call:

Maria Klucarova, Supervisor Sharon Bronson's Office
Beth Borozan, Supervisor Steve Christy's Office

MOTIONS

MOTION: Commissioner Juan Padres moved, seconded by Commissioner Bernie Wiegandt, to approve the July 16, 2020 meeting minutes with a modification to include the full title of Commissioner Jacobsen's Exhibit "Small Business/Community Outreach Proposed COVID-19 Education Plan". Motion approved 8-0.

MOTION: Commissioner Jenni Zimmerman moved, seconded by Commissioner Ken Goodman, to send a letter of appreciation to the Board of Supervisors noting the efforts of Pima County staff to re-open the Catalina Highway. Motion approved 8-0.

MOTION: Commissioner Jenni Zimmerman moved, seconded by Commissioner Juan Padres to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved 8-0.

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 3:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted by Ms. Deseret Romero to start the meeting.

3. Approval of July 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes

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4. Chair's Report: Meeting protocol, possible federal stimulus bill, health data

- Chairman Kent Blumenthal provided a brief review of meeting protocols
- Chairman Blumenthal provided a brief review of the agenda
- Chairman Blumenthal referred to Patrick Cavanaugh regarding possible federal stimulus bill and for a Health Department data update.

5. Coordinator's Report: Update on Federal, State and Local small business COVID-19 assistance

Mr. Cavanaugh provided the following updates:

- Federal: Continued efforts to identify/review the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funding. No word on additional funding.
 - State: Continuing to coordinate a possible presentation by someone in the Governor's Office – possibly Becky Freeman. Also noted the State's COVID 19 update provided by Maria Klucarova of Supervisor Sharon Bronson's office.
 - Local: Pima County continuing to work on and partner with community organizations related to COVID-19. Including but not limited to PPE assistance to the community and local businesses and JobPath – an expansion of services focused on workforce.
6. Update: Pima County assistance for small business employment opportunities during COVID-19 pandemic; Commission correspondence to the Pima County Supervisors

Chairman Blumenthal inquired as to the response from the Board of Supervisors or the County Administrator regarding the Commission's recent letter regarding Commissioner Jacobsen's "Small Business/Community Outreach Proposed COVID-19 Education Plan". Mr. Cavanaugh noted that the plan was provided to the Board of Supervisors and the County Administrator, however he has not heard from the Supervisors' offices or the County Administrator.

7. Update: Summerhaven Road Closure and Commission correspondence to the Pima County Board of Supervisors

Mr. Cavanaugh provided an update to the Commission on the Commission's recent request to provide a letter of support to the Board of Supervisors for the re-opening of the Catalina Highway. Mr. Cavanaugh noted the road is expected to be open in two days and noted the following Commission and County staff efforts.

- Supervisor Steve Christy's office
- Commissioner Zimmerman
- Pima County Administration
- Pima County Public Works/Carmine DeBonis
- Pima County Department of Transportation/Ana Olivares

Commissioner Zimmerman thanked the County for their assistance with expediting the road repairs along Catalina Highway due to the fire. Commissioner Zimmerman proposed sending a letter of appreciation to the Board of Supervisors noting the efforts of Pima County staff to re-open the Catalina Highway.

MOTION: Commissioner Jenni Zimmerman moved, seconded by Commissioner Ken Goodman, to send a letter of appreciation to the Board of Supervisors noting the efforts of Pima County staff to re-open the Catalina Highway. Motion approved 8-0.

8. Request to Pima County for a "fact finding" tour of Summerhaven

Chairman Blumenthal inquired as to the possibility of a "fact finding" tour of Summerhaven. Mr. Cavanaugh stated he had inquired with Public Works and that the response was the road will be open to the public and anyone could utilize the road.

9. Pima County Economic Opportunity Zoning Text Amendment; draft comment from Commission

Mr. Cavanaugh said the amendment had run in to neighborhood opposition as predicted by Commissioner Goodman at a previous Commission meeting. Development Services has paused the public process while it works toward resolution and compromise with various neighborhood organizations. Chairman Blumenthal tabled the item but asked that it remain a standing item on future agendas for updates from Mr. Cavanaugh.

10. Small Business employment/Pima County One-Stop (Informational)

Commissioner Jacobsen provided a brief review of his recent discussion with the Pima County One-Stop office.

Chairman Blumenthal inquired as to a possible presentation by Pima County One-Stop. Commissioner Jacobsen recommended having Pima County JTED present first and then possibly Pima County One-Stop.

Mr. Cavanaugh noted that he would contact Superintendent Kathy Prather at JTED and extend the Commission's invitation.

11. 2020 Small Business Commission Awards planning and scheduling

Mr. Cavanaugh provided a brief review of the DRAFT 2020 SBC Awards Timeline. The Commission discussed the timeline and agreed to keep the timeline as presented until the 2020 awards template was reviewed.

12. Agenda items for future meeting

The Commission discussed the following agenda items for the next Commission meeting:

- 2020 Awards update
- Pima Ready for You program update (Commissioner Aguirre)
- DRAFT Work Plan
- JTED (Kathy Prather presentation)

12. Call to the Public

The following attendee spoke at call to the public:

- Maria Klucarova, Supervisor Sharon Bronson's Office greeted the Commission.
- Beth Borozan, Supervisor Steve Christy's Office greeted the Commission.

11. Adjournment

MOTION: Commissioner Jenni Zimmerman moved, seconded by Commissioner Juan Padres to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved 8-0.