

Small, Minority and Women-owned Business Commission (SMWBC) Annual Report

2012

Members:

Marion Hook	Sandra Otero*
Patty Richardson	Andrew Jones
Debbie Chandler*	Diane Kephart*
Pamela Sutherland	Sheldon Fishman
Karen Clifton	Janet Marcotte*
Katherine Kent	Jason Tankersley*
Ghazal Farhang*	Barney Murray *
Jesse Lugo	Ronnie Reyna*

Meetings:

1/26 – 10 members present. Overview of Tucson Jobs Ordinance Workplan, update from LocalFirst Arizona and update from the small business ombudsman

2/23 – 9 members present. Discussion of Commission goals and small business ombudsman update. Attendance issue for Diane Kephart and will be removed from the SMWBC roster

3/22 – 11 members present. Discussion of 'Plastic Bag Working Group' and Graffiti removal costs. SMWBC goals subcommittee formed. Commitment to write and format the SMWBC newsletter. Update from Jesse Lugo on Tucson Jobs Stakeholders Group and Local Preference Stakeholders Group. Sheldon Fishman requested to become member of the commission.

4/26 – 9 Members present. Chairperson requested feedback from the SMWBC members on the single-use plastic bag issue. Commission accepted the Commission goals as presented by Andrew Jones. Overlay District update and discussion. Update from PCSBC.

5/24 -9 members present. Resignation by Ghazal Farhang. New member Janet Marcotte. Update from the Single Use Plastic Bag Working Group; will work toward providing recommendation to the City Manager, Mayor and Council. Discussion of graffiti plan; future formal recommendation to the City Manager, Mayor and Council. Update from PCSBC. Suggestion that SMWBC offer an award to small businesses; commissioners to discuss at June meeting. Update from small business ombudsman

6/28 – 9 members present. Update on programs from Arizona Commerce Authority. Update from Single Use Plastic Bag Working Group. Motion to include single use plastic bag usage survey in the SMWBC newsletter. Overview of GLBT Commission Proposal – domestic partner benefits. Update from

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Pima County Small Business Commission (PCSBC) regarding revolving small business fund. Updates from commissioners.

8/23 – No Quorum

9/27 – 10 Members present. Update on Single Use Plastic Bag Working Group; survey results discussed. Overview of the Tucson Jobs Ordinance, No. 10993. Presentation from MAC. Small business ombudsman update; overview of Mayor focus on Mexico Trade. Update from commissioners regarding streetcar route investments, Tucson Hispanic chamber and TEP/SW Gas Energy efficiency program.

10/25 – 10 Members present. Streetcar update, discussion of goals, update from PCSBC, update from small business ombudsman and Motion to recommend that City Manager consider a ban or fee for single use plastic bags per submitted proposal.

11/15 – 8 Members present. MAC presentation, discussion of goals, commission member updates

12/13 – 9 Members present. Chairman update, Economic Development Update, Presentation by Brent DeRaad; motion to encourage City Council to increase percentage of bed tax. Discussion of DM -50. Discussion of goals. Commissioner updates.

*Members that were not on commission for the entire 2012 year