



**Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Business Commission
(SMWBC)**

**Thursday January 22, 2015, 3:00 p.m.
City Hall, Mayor and Council Chambers
255 W. Alameda St.
Tucson, AZ**

Minutes for 01/22/2015

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Marion Hook at 3:05 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Members Present:

Marion Hook	Representative, Mayor's Office
Patricia V. Richardson	Representative, Mayor's Office
Shani Stewart Litz	Representative, Ward 1
Barney Hilton Murray	Representative, Ward 2
Jason Tankersley	Representative Ward 2
Doug Jackson	Representative Ward 4
Ronnie Reyna	Representative, Ward 5
Sheldon Fishman	Representative, Ward 6

Absent:

Susan Alexander	Representative, Ward 3
Brian Becksted	Representative, Ward 4
Ken Goodman	Non-Voting

Others Present:

Andy Squire	Economic Development Specialist
Traci Shepherd	Procurement, Administrative Assistant
Joel Peterson	Finance/Revenue, Administrator
Pam Reinke	Finance/Revenue,
CJ Battle	Enviro Transport, Audience

2. Call to the Audience

Marion Hook - No Respondent.

3. Approval of Minutes – November 20, 2014

Motion to approve minutes second by Doug Jackson. Passed 8 to 0.

4. Chairperson's Update – Marion Hook

Discussion held on Mayor's hospitality festivals. Discussion held, no action taken.

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5. Discussion: AZ TPT Changes –Joel Peterson & Pam Reinke, Finance/Revenue

Joel spoke about TPT changes and challenges. Historically tax was based on job location, pay tax rate on 65% of their gross construction proceeds. House Bill 2111, has allowed the small handyman doing maintenance, repair and replacement. To pay a tax on the materials only, not on the gross construction proceeds. Not to pay tax on the labor for smaller jobs. Issues regarding what exactly is maintenance, repair and replacement. Undefined in House Bill 2111. House Bill 2089, intent was for clarification, term alterations added. Doug recommends different tax bracket per certain type of construction job. Discussion held, no action taken.

6. Discussion: 2015 Agendas / Filling Vacancies – Marion Hook / Andy Squire

Future agenda items:

AZ TPT continued discussion/updates - Marion Hook

Presentations: Broadway Corridor, I-19 update – Andy Squire

Ward 6 round table discussions – Shelly Fishman

Ethnic/Cultural chambers (central chamber) follow up discussion – Shani Stewart Litz

Report regarding building around U of A – Marion Hook

TREO presentation on recruitment efforts – Shelly Fishman

Grant Street construction – Marion Hook

Update on City/County lobbying state for gas tax – Doug Jackson

Vacancy issues – Andy Squire

Have reached out to clerk's office. Commission members to reach out to Ward offices and Mayor/Council. Requests send out Ward info for reaching out – Patty Richardson

Need to fill Secretary position, elected position. – Marion Ward

Calendars of events – Shelly

Discussion held, no action taken.

7. Discussion: Newsletter – Barney Murray

Newsletter put on hold. Three aspects of newsletter Content, Small Business Resources/Calendar/ and Design/Layout, 2 of the 3 components are missing. Generic draft is available to publish, due to no date sensitive material. Distribution/approval issues. Per Andy, attach to website (SMWBC) for distribution, approved by attorney. Email distribution not an option, due to privacy issues. Shani volunteered to assist with the newsletter. Discussion was held, no action taken.

8. Survey and Memorial Update – Andy Squire

Memorial: Timing is good. Attorney and Mayor are in agreement to move forward. Ready to agendize and forward motion within next two meetings. Discussion was held, no action taken.

Survey: Water department can't give us the information as we would need, nor does not have emails. They do not have a database for this. Speaking to two public relations firms regarding information for handling surveys. Survey is complete and approved by Mayor. Shelly posts question: What about a release form? Discussion was held, no action taken.

9. Economic Initiatives Office Update – Andy Squire

Home Goods / TJ Maxx / Marshalls project transport was landed. 410 initial jobs to increase to 910 within 5 years. \$60,000,000 project 800,000 sq.ft. building. Annexations are increasing. Automall meeting. Gem Show: AGTA happy, lot of vendor attendance, up from last year. Gem condo project receiving a lot of interest. Short term rentals not dropped. Following thru with M&C request to find out who is doing this. Discussion held, no action taken.

10. Small Business Assistance Line – Andy Squire

TPT large call generator. At-home manufacturing, including CNC machines. Contact Data Management, tracking assistance line and create database. Discussion held, no action taken.

11. Pima County Small Business Commission Update – Marion Hook

No update.

12. Commission Member Update

Doug: no update, Shelly: Sending people to target conventions? Calendars of events, Barney: No update, Jason: No update, Patty: No update, Ronnie: Richard Fibres, Ward 5 has retired from the Sheriff's office after 30 years. Shani: PC bond advisory committee has agreed to move the 12th Ave cultural and culinary corridor as part of bond issue, Regina is happy about this.

Marion: Patti and Marion to meet with Mayor in February. Discussion held, no action taken.

13. Future Agenda Items – Andy Squire

Broadway update, I-19 corridor, Continuing update TPT, Ward 6 round table discussion out put, Holding off on chamber, Streetcar & UofA Housing, TREO recruitments, Grant Rd construction, and gas tax effort.

14. Call to Audience – Marion Hook

No respondents

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Chairperson Marion Hook, second by Ronnie Reyna. Meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM. Passed 8 to 0