



Convention Center Commission, Tucson (TCCC)  
Thursday, January 8, 2015 @ 11:30 a.m.  
260 S. Church  
Tucson, AZ 85701

## Summary of Minutes

### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Representative, Richard Small, at 11:31 a.m. A quorum was established. Those present and absent were:

**Present:**

Richard Small	Mayor Representative
Kristin Almquist	Ward 3 Representative
Steve Anderson	Ward 4 Representative
Michael Lundin	Ward 5 Representative

**Absent:**

Betty Villegas	Ward 1 Representative
Joseph Blair	Ward 2 Representative
John Cesar	Ward 6 Representative

### 2. Approval of Minutes: (December 11, 2014)

Motion to approve the minutes of December 11, 2014, was passed by a voice vote of 4 to 0.

### 3. Construction Update – Elaine Becherer

The majority of construction is complete. The project finished within budget and on schedule. There is approximately \$90,000 left in contingency and Rio Nuevo will consider several projects for these funds. Rio Nuevo will be conducting an inventory on items. Construction renovation in the kitchen started early in December. The three concession stands in the south exhibition hall will also be renovated. The kitchen is getting a full renovation with no change to the square footage. Elaine showed a video presentation that Concord General Contracting put together. A second phase is being considered by Rio Nuevo. The sign code we go back in February.

**4. General Mangers Report – Glenn Grabski**

Report provided

**5. Gem Show update, citywide-Andy Squire**

Preparing for T.G.M.S and A.G.T.A. The maintenance and landscaping has been a great success to the exterior look. The wiring for concession stands in the south exhibition hall will start so that they can utilize the modern P.O.S system. SMG is getting prices on blinds for the show manager's offices, agate and onyx suites. A marshalling yard has been created on a lot off of Osbourne and 20<sup>th</sup> St. There will be a kick off ceremony on January 30, 2015 in the breezeway of the Tucson Convention Center.

**6. Tourism Report-Brent DeRaad, President and CEO, Visit Tucson**

Visit Tucson is a nonprofit agency whose mission is to put heads in beds. Visit Tucson is actively advocating with the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee on the Eckbo plaza and Tucson Music Hall. One of the goals is to try and get \$50 million in tourism projects on the ballet in November 2015. Our big tourism season is Mid-January through April. Graeme Hughes from Visit Tucson was introduced and a report was provided. Angel Natal from Visit Tucson was introduced and a report was provided.

**7. Call to Audience**

None

**8. Future Agenda Items**

The next commission meeting has not been confirmed due to Gem Show and availability.

**9. Adjournment – 12:40 p.m.**