



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

Thursday, April 23, 2015 3:00 p.m.
City Hall, Mayor and Council Chambers
255 W. Alameda St.
Tucson, AZ

Minutes for 04/23/15

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

Patricia Richardson

Tana Fryer

Shani Stewart

Barney Hilton Murray

Jason Tankersley

Susan Alexander

Doug Jackson

Ronnie Reyna

Chairperson, Mayor's Office

Representative, Mayor's Office

Representative, Ward 1

Representative, Ward 1

Representative, Ward 2

Representative, Ward 2

Representative, Ward 3

Representative, Ward 4

Representative, Ward 5

Absent:

Brian Becksted

Sheldon Fishman

Rebecca Safford

Ken Goodman

Representative, Ward 5

Representative, Ward 6

Representative, Ward 6

Non-Voting

Others Present:

Hector Martinez

Andy Squire

Traci Shepherd

Director, COT Real Estate Program

Economic Development Specialist

AA, Department of Procurement

2. Call to the Audience

Hector Martinez: Director, COT Real Estate Program

3. Presentation: Public Purpose Acquisitions – Hector Martinez, COT Real Estate Program

Broadway widening project in regards to communication specifically about the public purpose acquisitions. Handouts. Eminent Domain guidelines come from the Constitution 5th Amendment. Definition is that, anytime that there is a public project for benefit of the community then governments have the authority to acquire property and use the powers of Eminent Domain. Eminent Domain means, forcing the sale of needed property to the government. Constitution states that there is to be just compensation, measurement for just compensation is market value, by appraiser. COT does not have appraisers on staff, COT has approximately 12 under contract. Uniform relocation guidelines, standard Federal guidelines. Just compensation and inconvenience factors are taken into consideration. States can enhance but not reduce these guidelines.

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Currently in the process of identifying the needed properties. Purchase of property is done by Ordinance (eminent domain). Mayor and Council vote to approve or decline. Based on appraisal, offer is made and owner has 30 days to reply. When a resolution is not made, the project must still move forward, it is then referred to the COT Attorneys. Petition to the courts that the property is needed for public use and we must take immediate possession of the property (90 days from ruling).

Marion: How do you deal with the human element?

Hector: Two points: 1. Real estate element. 2. Relocation - the "displacee" needs and desires are considered, try to find at least 3 choices to fit their needs.

Doug: What about independent auditors/appraisers?

Hector: Property owner can find their own appraiser.

Discussion was held, no action taken.

4. Approval of Minutes – March 26, 2015

Motion to approve minutes, passed 8 - 0.

5. Chairperson's Update – Marion Hook

Regarding advertising Tucson as a destination. 33% of tax revenue currently (9.6 million) +\$2.00 bed tax is for Visit Tucson advertising. It is now to be split tax revenue 50/50 + \$2.00 bed tax, for advertising.

City has hired a outside firm to review Charter? Have not heard about this publicly. M/C is currently reviewing the Charter. Part of the revised Charter is to expand the Mayors powers.

Discussion was held, no action taken.

6. Broadway Blvd RTA Project Update – Andy Squire

Hector Martinez provided some information. Open House tonight at 5:30 to 7:30 at Sivar Shrine on Tucson Blvd. to determine the alignment, this meeting is to define it and send it on to M/C. Drawings and working tables to view.

Discussion was held, no action taken.

7. Short Term Rental Update – Marion Hook / Andy Squire

City wants to work County. An email was sent from Pat Casey, the County sent a reassessment letter stating that their property has been reassessed to Commercial from Residential due to renting out the property. Huckleberry was unaware of this. This would be more than double property tax rate.

Jason: What is the definition of Short Term Rental?

Andy: under 29 days

Marion: Green Valley has 82 short term rentals under Air B&B

Andy: difficult to move forward since the County as has made this change, affects what we do. Short term rental is still new under State Law.

Discussion was held, no action taken.

8. Small Business Survey Update – Andy Squire

Scheduled to take a class on how to run the survey. Software is in place.

Discussion was held, no action taken.

9. Economic Initiatives Office Update – Andy Squire

1. Chris Kaselemis is retiring in June
2. Home Goods distribution center is to start with 410 jobs to increase to 900, with an 83 million dollar economic impact.
3. New business – 100o jobs, no details yet.
4. Excise Tax Option for Downtown and North of 6th Street and up Stone Avenue Corridor
5. Business Lic Section to improve website and request to re-work brochure
6. Special Events webpage
7. Webpage for SWMBC
8. Annexation benefits

Motion made by Patti Richardson to let Business License to re-work Business License (17 Steps brochure), Second by Ronnie Reyna. Passed 8- 0

10. Nominating Committee Update – Ronnie Reyna

Not able to meet up with Rebecca. Marion term ending June 30

Nominees: Chairperson – Patti accepted
2nd Chair person – Jason accepted
Secretary – Susan accepted

Andy: Will check with Clerk office re: any steps that need to be taken for these changes. Secretary position to be defined. Secretary handles orientation for new members.

Discussion held, no action taken.

11. Pima County Small Business Commission Update – Marion Hook

Last meeting was as in-depth description of the possible demise of JTED by 2016. Ken Goodman has more information.

Discussion was held, no action taken.

12. Commission Welcome Packets / Officer Roles & Selection Process

No packet specific to this committee. Will follow up with Karen Clifton.

Discussion was held, no action taken.

13. Future Agenda Items

- Presentation of Survey
- Presentation of Webpage

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- Short Term Rental
- Invite Chris Kaselemis to May meeting
- TCC update – Managing company
- Charter
- Newsletter
- Park Tucson

Motion made by Jason to ask Park Tucson to come speak at May meeting. Second by Ronnie Reyna. Passed 8- 0

14. Commission Member Updates

- Shani: Romero office regarding women’s workshops and racism community dialog
- Ronnie: Home Goods
- Doug: More info next meeting
- Barney: No report
- Jason: No report
- Patti: No report
- Tana: No report
- Marion: No report
- Susan: discussion re: Broadway and Park Tucson

Discussion was held, no action taken.

15. Call to the Audience

None

16. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 4:43PM. Patti Richardson – 2nd Ronnie Reyna. 8-0

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Approved: 08/27/2015

NOTE: It is the intent of these meeting minutes to get to the general meaning of the discussion, summarize what happened, and record official actions. The minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcription of all that was said.