

CITY OF MESA
HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)
Youth Diversity Education Team (YDET)
November 30, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The Youth Diversity Education Team of the City of Mesa met on November 30, 2015
at 5:00pm at the Mesa City Plaza, 20 E. Main St. Ste. 170.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Nadia Khalighi, Chair
Cliff Moon, Vice Chair
Frank Johnson
Robert Martinez
Martin Rios

MEMBERS ABSENT
Denise Heap
Talmage Pearce

STAFF PRESENT

GUESTS
Erica Reyes
Kaveh Shahidi

1. Call to Order.

Ms. Khalighi called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

2. Items from citizens present.*

There were no citizens present who requested to speak to the subcommittee.

3. Discuss the organization of the youth community service projects including the topic of Diversity through organizations such as: the Baha'i Community, Anti-Defamation League, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Gay and Lesbian Education Network.

YDET decided that the first service project will be youth volunteers reading to children at Care Partnership on December 10, 2015. The subject matter of the books will be Diversity related and on age appropriate topics. There has been a list of around 20 books that has been compiled. The project will include: a session beforehand to answer any questions from the youth volunteers and to discuss with them the focus of the project, reading time with the children guided by the YDET, and a short reflection session after the project. The entire project will span from 3:45pm to 5:45pm depending on the attention span of the 20 children expected to attend. They will age in range from five to eleven years old. Half of the children are bilingual and there will be bilingual books available. Ms. Khalighi will be developing the questions to ask the volunteers regarding their experience during the project. Care Partnership was very excited about the project and they were hoping the YDET could make it a regular commitment. The subcommittee thanked them for their support and stated they would discuss that possibility for the future. The subcommittee wanted to know whether the City could help provide recognition certificates to the youth volunteers. The YDET will also ask the Board during the regular meeting if anyone has contacts who may help them procure donated snacks for the event.

4. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55pm.

Submitted By:



Ruth Giese,
Diversity Program Administrator