

CITY OF MESA
HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)
September 24, 2014 Action Results

The Human Relations Advisory Board (HRAB) of the City of Mesa met on September 24th, 2014,
at 6:00pm in the Lower Level, City Council Chambers, 57 E. First Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Denise Heap, Chair
Mark Tompert, Vice Chair
Colleen Byron
Karen Frias-Long
Frank Johnson
Tony Liuzzo
Cliff Moon
Talmage Pearce
Lu Ann Schmidt
Nadia Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Andrea Alicoate
Ruth Giese
Kelly Gregan

GUESTS

Karen Kurtz
Bob Schmidt

1. Chair's Call to Order.

Ms. Heap began the meeting at 5:56pm.

2. Items from Citizens Present.*

Mr. Schmidt spoke regarding the Veterans Task Force, which he participated in, and the need to continue supporting veterans. Mr. Schmidt stated that he personally feels as though not enough is being done in Mesa to recognize veterans or prevent discrimination against veterans.

3. Approval of minutes from the August 23rd, 2014 Strategic Planning meeting.

A motion was made by Dr. Liuzzo to approve the August 23rd, 2014 meeting minutes, Mr. Tompert seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discuss, revise and approve of the 2014-2015 Strategic Plan.

A motion was made by Mr. Tompert to approve the 2014-2015 Strategic Plan, Dr. Liuzzo seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Hear a presentation from the City Attorney regarding the Open Meeting Law and Conflicts of Interest Law.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

6. Hear and discuss on HRAB recommendations for the Mesa Speaks, Mesa Listens: Inclusion & Diversity Report.

Dr. Liuzzo made a motion to eliminate his prior motion which included the recommendation to rename Pioneer Park (see discussion under agenda item 9 which took before this item) and support of the Hometown Heroes program and instead accept the recommendations as discussed. Mr. Tompert seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Hear, discuss, and take action on items presented by the Ad Hoc Youth Diversity Education Team.

- Provide an update on expanding youth involvement with the Community Cinema Series.

*Supporting data is available for public review in the Diversity and Neighborhood Outreach Office,
20 E. Main St., Suite 250, Mesa, Arizona 85211-1466 (480) 644-5034*

- Provide an update on Diversity Youth Survey in order to explore ways to connect with youth and educate them on diversity related issues.
- MLK Committee's Youth Leadership Development Conference.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

8. Hear, and discuss on items presented by the Ad Hoc Disabilities Action Team.

- Provide an update on the educational awareness campaign related to service animals and ADA regulations for businesses.
- Provide an update on town hall meetings to educate the community, business, and leadership on mental health and substance abuse issues.
- Provide an update on the ways to evaluate the adequacy of services and programs for people with disabilities and the implementation of ADA.
- Provide an update on the need for and feasibility of creating a Psychiatric Recovery Center in the East Valley.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

9. Hear, discuss, and take action on items presented by the Ad Hoc Veterans Task Force.

- Recommendations to the Board from the Veterans Task Force.

A motion was made by Dr. Liuzzo to recommend supporting the Hometown Heroes program and for a segment of Pioneer Park to be named in honor of veterans, the motion was seconded Mr. Tompert seconded. Ms. Heap opened the floor for discussion. Ms. Anderson asked if they could recommend for the entire park to be renamed rather than just a segment. Mr. Tompert suggested using a combination, so it would be referred as 'Pioneer-Veterans' Park. Dr. Liuzzo amended his previous motion to reflect the recommendation to rename the entire park as opposed to just a segment. The motion carried unanimously.

Note: This agenda item was discussed prior to item 6.

10. Discuss and take action on the cancellation or rescheduling of the following board meetings:

- Rescheduling the November 26th, 2014 meeting to November 19th, 2014 at 6pm.
- Cancellation of December 24th, 2014 meeting.
- Rescheduling the May 27th, 2014 meeting to May 20th, 2015 at 6pm.

A motion was made by Dr. Liuzzo to reschedule the November 26th, 2014 meeting to November 19th, 2014 at 6pm; cancel the December 24th, 2014 meeting; and reschedule the May 27th, 2014 meeting to May 20th, 2015 at 6pm, Ms. Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Hear, discuss and take action on conferences and/or meetings.

- Police Senior Advisory Board, September 30th, 11:00am, Red Mountain Community Room.
- Community Cinema Series- Makers: Women in Space, October 9th, 6pm, Dobson Ranch Library.

- Celebrate Mesa, October 18th, from 5pm-9pm at the Red Mountain Soccer Complex.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

12. Discuss and take action on scheduling of meetings, future agenda items, and general information.

- Next meeting will be held on October 22nd, 2014.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Submitted By:



Ruth Giese,
Diversity Program Administrator