

CITY OF MESA
HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)
October 23, 2013 Action Results

The Human Relations Advisory Board (HRAB) of the City of Mesa met on October 23rd, 2013,
at 6:00pm in the Lower Level, City Council Chambers, 57 E. First Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Denise Heap, Chair
Susan Lotz, Vice Chair
Frank Johnson
Cliff Moon
Talmage Pearce
LuAnn Schmidt
Mark Tompert

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Andrea Arenas
Ruth Giese
Ray Villa

GUESTS

Cheryl Anderson
Tony Liuzzo

1. Chair's Call to Order.

Ms. Heap called the meeting to order at 5:53pm.

- Hong Chartrand's Resignation.

2. Items from Citizens Present.*

There were no citizens that requested to speak.

3. Approval of minutes from the September 25th, 2013 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Ms. Schmidt to approve the September 25th, 2013 minutes. Mr. Tompert seconded the motion. Ms. Schmidt noted a correction on page 2 of the regular meeting minutes under the second bullet in item seven. Record should state Ms. Schmidt is a member of the Disabilities Task Force instead of Ms. Lotz (same correction to be made on the special meeting minutes of the same date listed on the second bullet under item three). Mr. Tompert noted a correction on the second bullet under item ten, should state the December 25th meeting was cancelled instead of December 4th. The motion carried unanimously with the mentioned corrections.

4. Hear and discuss items presented by District 5 Councilmember David Luna and provide update to him on board goals and activities.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

5. Discuss and take action on Mesa Police Department Report.

- Hear report on police related incidents and activities.
- Updates and scheduling of upcoming Police Advisory Board meetings.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

6. Hear, discuss, and take action on items presented by the Ad Hoc Issues Research and Action Team.

- Update on the community survey.
- Report on the Mesa Speaks, Mesa Listens: Community Conversation on Discrimination series.
- Report on speaker's bureau.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

7. Hear, discuss, and take action on items presented by the Ad Hoc Disabilities Action Team.

- Update on plans for educational event related to service animals.
- Report on court administrator presentation to HRAB about the new protocol for diverting defendants with mental health issues, veterans and the homeless.
- Report on ways to educate the community in mental health issues.
- Report on distribution of resources at Celebrate Mesa Event held on October 19th.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

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

- Creation of HRAB seat for youth member.
- Report on discussion of the MESA project.
- Report on educating youth through the Cinema Series project.
- Report on educating youth through the bullying project.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

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

Mr. Tompert made a motion for staff to contact Veteran Task Force members to schedule the next meeting, Ms. Heap seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Discuss consider and take action on participation in 2014 Mesa MLK Jr. Celebration Events.

It was moved by Mr. Tompert to approve participation in the event, Ms. Lotz seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

11. Discuss, consider and take action on participation in 2014 Regional Unity Walk.

It was moved by Ms. Schmidt to approve participation in the event, Mr. Moon seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

12. Hear and discuss conferences and/or meetings.

- Diversity Leadership Alliance Conference on November 1st, 2013 from 8am-3pm at Sheraton in Downtown Phoenix.
- Community Cinema Series on November 21st, 6pm, Mesa Arts Center.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

13. Scheduling of meetings, future agenda items, and general information.

- Next meeting will be held on December 4th, 2013 at 6pm in the UPPER Council Chambers.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Submitted By:



Ruth Giese,
Diversity Program Administrator