

**CITY OF MESA**  
**HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)**  
**Disabilities Action Team (DAT)**  
October 20, 2015 Minutes

The Disabilities Action Team of the City of Mesa met on October 20, 2015  
at 5:45pm at the Mesa City Plaza, 20 E. Main St. Ste. 170.

MEMBERS PRESENT

LuAnn Schmidt, Chair  
Cheryl Anderson  
Colleen Byron  
Mark Tompert

MEMBERS ABSENT

Denise Heap, Vice-  
Chair

STAFF PRESENT

Bethany Freeland  
Ruth Giese

GUESTS

1. Call to Order.

Ms. Schmidt called the meeting to order at 5:46pm.

2. Items from citizens present.\*

There were no citizens who requested to speak to DAT.

3. Approval of minutes from the September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 DAT meeting.

Mr. Tompert made a motion to approve the September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 DAT meeting minutes, Dr. Byron seconded the motion. The motion moved unanimously.

4. Hear update, discuss, and take action on ways to raise community awareness about issues impacting people with disabilities.

- Create options for the best methods and topics to educate the business community on mental health and substance abuse issues for the second town hall meeting.

Ms. Anderson reminded the subcommittee that at the last meeting she suggested getting in contact with Mr. Bill McCallister from MARC Community Centers to do a presentation to the Chamber. She also stated that Ms. Heap was to contact Ms. Sally Jo Harrison regarding this. Since Ms. Heap was unable to attend this meeting, the DAT decided to hold off on this item until the next meeting when Ms. Heap would return.

5. Collect information and recommendations about ways to support the availability of services and programs for people with disabilities and the implementation of the ADA.

Ms. Anderson reminded staff that it was decided at the last meeting that the word "adequacy" would be stricken from the about item. Ms. Freeland will remove it for the next meeting.

- Discuss and take action on the monitoring of the Mesa City Court protocol for diverting defendants who have mental health issues, veterans, or are homeless.

Ms. Anne Gervase and Mr. Paul Thomas were unable to attend the meeting and rescheduled for the November meeting where they will give an update to the committee.

- Provide input about design standards for adapting housing for people with disabilities.

Ms. Giese informed the committee that she still needs to invite the Housing Director and a representing from Planning to come and speak to the DAT.

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

*Supporting data is available for public review in the Diversity & Neighborhood Outreach Office,  
20 E. Main St., Suite 250, Mesa, Arizona 85201 (480) 644-5432*

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- Next DAT meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 5:45pm.
- Future Agenda Items:
  - Monitor transportation services for people with disabilities including reviewing a quarterly report and annual report on East Valley Dial-A-Ride.

Ms. Jodi Thompson will attend the November meeting to give an update to the subcommittee regarding this item.

7. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55pm.

Submitted By:



Ruth Giese,  
Diversity Program Administrator