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**CITY OF MESA  
HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)  
October 28, 2015 Action Results**

The Human Relations Advisory Board (HRAB) of the City of Mesa met on October 28, 2015, at 6:00pm in the Lower Level, City Council Chambers, 57 E. First Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Denise Heap, Chair  
Cheryl Anderson, Vice-Chair  
Frank Johnson  
Nadia Khalighi  
Robert Martinez  
Cliff Moon  
LuAnn Schmidt  
Mark Tompert

MEMBERS ABSENT

Collen Byron  
Talmage Pearce

STAFF PRESENT

Bethany Freeland  
Kelly Gregan  
Ray Villa  
Amanda Stamps  
Cmmndr Burlingame

GUESTS

Frank O'Halloran  
Jamie Pothast

1. Chair's Call to Order.

Ms. Heap called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

- Introduction of new board member, Martin Rios.

2. Items from Citizens Present.\*

There were no citizens present to speak to the Board.

3. Approval of minutes from the September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 HRAB meeting.

Ms. Schmidt motioned to approve the minutes from the September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 meeting. Mr. Tompert seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

- Report on police related incidents and activities.

Discussion only; no action was taken by the Board.

- Updates and scheduling of upcoming Police Advisory Board meetings.

Discussion only; no action was taken by the Board.

5. Hear a presentation from Mercy Maricopa Integrated Care regarding the new inpatient services at Community Bridges.

Discussion only; no action was taken by the Board.

6. Hear an update, discuss, and take action on items presented by the Youth Diversity Education Team.

- Hear an update on organizing youth community service and diversity education project (including the topic of bullying) with the Baha'i Community, Anti-Defamation League, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Gay Lesbian Education Network.

Discussion only; no action was taken by the Board.

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

- Hear an update on the ways to raise community awareness about issues impacting people with disabilities.
  - a) Hear an update about creating 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.

Discussion only; no action was taken by the Board.

- Hear an update on collecting information and recommendations about ways to support the services and programs available for people with disabilities and the implementation of the ADA.
  - a) Hear an update from the Mesa City Court about diverting defendants who have mental health issues, veterans, or are homeless.

Discussion only; no action was taken by the Board.

- b) Hear an update about providing input about design standards for adapting housing for people with disabilities.

Discussion only; no action was taken by the Board.

8. Hear an update, discuss, and take action on items presented by the Diversity and Inclusion Report Action Team.

- Hear an update on creating and evaluating options and recommendations for the Mesa Speaks, Mesa Listens: Inclusion and Diversity Report.

Discussion only; no action was taken by the Board.

- Hear an update on identifying and evaluating options for addressing the issues that impact the LGBT population as identified in the Mesa Speaks, Mesa Listens: Inclusion and Diversity Report.

Discussion only; no action was taken by the Board.

- Hear an update on identifying and evaluation options for addressing the issues that impact Hispanic or Latino residents as identified in the Mesa Speaks, Mesa Listens: Inclusion and Diversity Report.

Discussion only; no action was taken by the Board.

9. Hear update, discuss, and take action on standing items outlined in the 2015-17 Strategic Plan.

- Hear an update, discuss, and take action from Dr. Byron regarding monitoring the Police Community Forums.

Discussion only; no action was taken by the Board.

- Hear an update, discuss, and take action from Dr. Byron regarding monitoring the statistics of police activity in the community.

Discussion only; no action was taken by the Board.

- Hear an update, discuss, and take action on increasing the number of speakers enrolled in the Speaker's Bureau and market the availability of the Speaker's Bureau as a community resource.

Discussion only; no action was taken by the Board.

- Hear an update, discuss, and take action on the need for and feasibility of creating a Psychiatric Recovery Center in the East Valley.

Discussion only; no action was taken by the Board.

10. Hear, discuss, and take action on items presented by the Diversity Administrator.

Discussion only; no action was taken by the Board.

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

Discussion only; no action was taken by the Board.

- Indie Lens Pop-Up: Autism in Love November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Dobson Ranch Library located at 2425 S Dobson Rd.
- Walk to End Alzheimer's: November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza located at 205 S 17<sup>th</sup> Ave.

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

Discussion only; no action was taken by the Board.

- Next meeting will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015.

13. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.

**\*Members of the audience may address the Board on any item. State Statute prohibits the Human Relations Advisory Board from discussing any item that is not on the agenda.**

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