

JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

July 12, 2000

The Judicial Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on July 12, 2000 at 8:07 a.m.

COMMITTEE PRESENT

Chairman John Kerr
James Keppel
Judith O'Neill
Cecil Patterson
Joe Shipley
Marilyn Wilson

STAFF PRESENT

Denise Bleyle
Linda Crocker
Ellen Pence
Kelly Walsh
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

None

COMMITTEE ABSENT

James Hart

Chairman Kerr excused Boardmember Hart from the meeting and Boardmember Patterson from the beginning of the meeting.

1. Approval of the minutes of previous meetings.

It was moved by Boardmember Keppel, seconded by Boardmember Shipley, that the minutes of the February 1, 2000 Judicial Advisory Board be approved.

Chairman Kerr declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

2. Election of a Chairman and Vice Chairman.

It was moved by Boardmember Keppel, seconded by Boardmember Shipley, that John Kerr be reappointed as Chairman of the Judicial Advisory Board.

Chairman Kerr declared the motion carried unanimously by those present. Boardmember Wilson congratulated Chairman Kerr on his reappointment.

It was moved by Boardmember Shipley, seconded by Boardmember Wilson, that Judith O'Neill be reappointed as Vice Chairman of the Judicial Advisory Board.

Chairman Kerr declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

The members of the Board congratulated Vice Chairman O'Neill on her reappointment.

3. Hear a report on the changes to the survey process.

Management Assistant Denise Bleyle informed the members of the Board that approximately one year ago, changes were made in the distribution method of the surveys and rather than having the consultant distribute them, the surveys were being distributed directly by the Court on an on-going basis. Ms. Bleyle advised that the purpose of the change was to get a higher participation rate from the respondents and said that no improvement has occurred. Ms. Bleyle stated that she met with Court Administrator Kathy Barrett and the Consultant to discuss this matter and it was agreed that the surveys would be sent back to the Consultant for distribution but on an on-going basis, monthly and quarterly. Ms. Bleyle commented on staff's opinion that the Consultant is the more appropriate party to distribute the surveys and stated the opinion that the impacts of the revision will be positive.

Boardmember Wilson spoke in support of reviewing all of the responses, including the mid-point for the judges, in order to review all of the available information.

Ms. Bleyle stated that the information will be made available to the members of the Board.

4. Review the Board's Work Plan, May 2000 – June 2001.

Ms. Pence reviewed the proposed Work Plan for the May 2000 to June 2001 period (See Attachment).

5. Adjourn into an Executive Session for the purpose of considering a personnel matter.

It was moved by Boardmember Wilson, seconded by Boardmember Keppel, that the Board enter into an Executive Session at 8:11 a.m.

Chairman Kerr declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

6. Consider candidates for the position of Magistrate to invite for a public interview.

This item was discussed as part of the Executive Session.

7. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

Chairman Kerr noted that the meeting schedule was discussed under agenda item 3 and encouraged the members of the Board to advise him if any conflicts in scheduling occur.

8. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. without objection.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Judicial Advisory Board meeting of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 12th day of July 2000. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 2000

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK