

CITY OF MESA
HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)
March 25, 2015 Results

The Human Relations Advisory Board (HRAB) of the City of Mesa met on March 25th, 2015,
at 6:00pm in the Lower Level, City Council Chambers, 57 E. First Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Denise Heap, Chair
Mark Tompert, Vice Chair
Cheryl Anderson
Tony Liuzzo
Frank Johnson
Cliff Moon
Talmage Pearce
Lu Ann Schmidt
Colleen Byron

MEMBERS ABSENT

Karen Frias-Long
Nadia Taylor

STAFF PRESENT

Andrea Alicoate
Lindsey Balinkie
Jeff Thompson
Ray Villa

GUESTS

Bev Tittle-Baker

1. Chair's Call to Order.

Ms. Heap began the meeting at 6:00pm.

2. Items from Citizens Present.*

There were no citizens who requested to speak.

3. Approval of minutes from the February 25th, 2015 meeting.

Ms. Heap requested an amendment to item number 2 of the minutes in the second paragraph to include "one or more board members," rather than just "a board member." With that amendment included, a motion was then made by Dr. Liuzzo to approve the February 25th, 2015 meeting minutes, Ms. Anderson seconded. 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 taken by the board.

- Provide update on scheduling of meeting between Carmen Guerrero, Napoleon Pisano, Chief Meza, Ray Villa and HRAB members.

Discussion only; no action taken by the board.

- Updates and scheduling of upcoming Police Advisory Board meetings.

Discussion only; no action taken by the board.

5. Hear, discuss and take action on a presentation from Bev Tittle-Baker on Care Partnership.

Discussion only; no action taken by the board.

6. Hear, discuss, and take action on items presented by the Youth Diversity Education Team Sub-Committee.

- Provide an update on the April 9th, 2015 screening of *The Homestretch*.

Discussion only; no action taken by the board.

- Provide an update on the planning of a 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 taken by the board.

- Provide an update on planning a personal finance and nutrition class for youth.

Discussion only; no action taken by the board.

- Provide an update on Diversity education, information and building a working relationship with schools in Mesa.

Discussion only; no action taken by the board.

- Provide an update on MLK Committee's Youth Leadership Development Conference.

Dr. Liuzzo made a motion to invite Angel Booker, the new President of the MLK Committee, to present to the board. Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Hear, discuss and take action on items presented by the Disabilities Action Team Sub-Committee.

- Discuss and consider the presentation from community groups NEDCO (Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation) and R.A.I.L. (Retail, Arts, Innovation & Livability).

Dr. Liuzzo made a motion for the board to endorse R.A.I.L.'s Consolidated Plan recommendations letter. Ms. Heap seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- Discuss and consider the housing guidelines in the FY 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan from the City of Mesa Housing Department.

Discussion only; no action taken by the board.

- Provide an update on the March 24th, 2015 town hall meeting to educate the community on mental health and substance abuse issues.

Discussion only; no action taken by the board.

- Provide an update on the feasibility of creating a Psychiatric Recovery Center in the East Valley

Ms. Anderson made a motion to ask a representative from East Valley Fire Fighter Charities to present at a future meeting. Ms. Heap amended the motion to include invitations to representatives from Mercy Maricopa Integrated Care and Mesa Fire Department. Ms. Heap seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Provide an update on the ways to evaluate the adequacy of services and programs for people with disabilities and the implementation of ADA.

Discussion only; no action taken by the board.

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8. Hear and discuss conferences and/or meetings.

- Pride Parade on April 12th, 2015 in Phoenix.

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

- Next meeting will be held on April 22nd, 2015.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

Submitted By:



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