

**CITY OF MESA  
HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)  
VETERANS TASK FORCE TEAM (VTF)**

March 4, 2013 Minutes

The Veterans Task Force of the City of Mesa met on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 5pm  
at the Mesa City Plaza, 20 E. Main St. Ste. 250.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>
Denise Heap		Andrea Arenas
Rory Gilbert		Ruth Giese
Heather McAlister		

1. Call to Order.

Ms. Gilbert called the meeting to order at 5:04pm.

2. Items from citizens present.

There were no citizens who requested to speak to VTF.

3. Review and discuss the March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 VTF meeting.

Ms. Heap stated that she thought the meeting was well focused and very successful. Ms. McAlister also agreed on the success of the meeting and positive feedback from participants. Ms. Heap suggested that the topic of preferential hiring for veterans be moved to the Ad Hoc Issues Research and Action Team for further research on the verbiage for the recommendation. Ms. Gilbert stated that she will take on the task of compiling a summary of accomplishments and recommendations in order to gain direction and approval from Mayor Smith.

4. Review, consider and take action on meeting preparations of the next VTF meeting.

Ms. Giese advised that staff will be sending an email regarding the Arizona Standdown event to task force participants and suggested that a poll for the next date should also be included. The board agreed upon April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 for the next Task Force meeting if enough participation is received from the task force.

5. Discuss and consider future agenda items, meeting dates, announcements, other housekeeping.

Ms. Gilbert stated that the next agenda should include updates on all the efforts, discuss next steps, and committee work as needed. Ms. Heap stated that structure of the task force should also be reviewed. The board members determined that an additional planning meeting is not required at this time.

6. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

Submitted By:



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Ruth Giese,  
Diversity Program Administrator