

**CITY OF MESA**  
**HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)**  
**Ad Hoc Disabilities Action Team (DAT)**  
January 28, 2014 Minutes

The Disabilities Action Team of the City of Mesa met on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014,  
at 5:30pm at the Mesa City Plaza, 20 E. Main St. Ste. 250.

MEMBERS PRESENT  
Mark Tompert, Chair  
Denise Heap  
Lu Ann Schmidt

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT  
Andrea Arenas  
Ruth Giese

GUESTS

1. Call to Order.

Mr. Tompert called the meeting to order at 5:36pm.

2. Items from citizens present.

There were no citizens who requested to speak to DAT.

3. Approval of minutes from the November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 DAT meeting.

Ms. Heap made a motion to approve the November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 DAT meeting minutes, Mr. Tompert seconded the motion. The motion moved unanimously.

4. Hear update, discuss and take action on an educational awareness campaign related to service animals.

Ms. Heap advised that that she has a letter drafted but is waiting to hear back on her call to the Arizona Attorney General's Office to confirm some information. Ms. Heap will have the letter for review at the next DAT meeting.

5. Discuss, consider and take action on ways to educate the community on mental health issues.

Mr. Tompert positively commented on the presentation from the Mesa Court representatives at the last HRAB meeting. Ms. Arenas advised that the representatives had more information and were willing to attend a future DAT meeting. DAT members agreed to invite them to attend their March meeting.

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

Ms. Sorrell, City of Mesa Transit Director, is scheduled to provide a transit update at the next meeting. Ms. Giese also advised that Valley Metro has a new Accessibility Director who oversees programs for those with disabilities and needs for accessibility. The new director has experience nationally and has a personal disability therefore allowing hands on knowledge of the system. It is recommended that he give a presentation at an upcoming board or DAT subcommittee meeting. DAT members agreed. Staff will also contact Mesa Court representatives to schedule another presentation as requested.

- Next DAT meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 5:30pm.

7. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 5:46pm.

Submitted By:



Ruth Giese,  
Diversity Program Administrator