

**CITY OF MESA**  
**HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)**  
**VETERANS TASK FORCE TEAM (VTF)**  
February 4, 2013 Minutes

The Veterans Task Force of the City of Mesa met on February 4, 2013 at 4pm  
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

1. Call to Order.

Ms. Gilbert called the meeting to order at 4:14pm.

2. Items from citizens present.

There were no citizens who requested to speak to VTF.

3. Approval of minutes from the November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 VTF meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Heap to approve the November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and the January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 minutes. Ms. Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Review and discuss the January 26th, 2013 VTF meeting.

Ms. Gilbert commented that the meeting went very well. Ms. Heap stated that she has received positive feedback from participants. Ms. Gilbert stated that she will work on the minutes in order for them to be distributed before the next meeting.

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

Ms. Giese advised that March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 was the majority date selected by VTF participants for the next meeting. Ms. Gilbert stated that the next step is to consider the short term and long term goals of the task force and Ms. Heap agreed. Ms. Gilbert questioned which participant stated they have verbiage for the recommended preferential treatment in the hiring process. Ms. Heap stated that she will inquire and follow up so the information can be provided by the next meeting. Ms. Heap suggested they invite David from Mesa Public Schools since he previously expressed concern that the schools are not supportive of veteran families. Ms. Gilbert agreed but suggested that they invite him to a later meeting once they are more developed.

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

Ms. Gilbert suggested they hold another planning meeting prior to the March meeting. The team decided to meet on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 5:30pm.

7. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 4:23pm.

Submitted By:



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Ruth Giese,  
Diversity Program Administrator