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**Human Services Advisory Board  
City of Mesa  
Mesa City Council Chambers, Lower Level  
57 East First Street, Mesa, AZ 85201  
June 24, 2010  
Meeting Minutes**

## **Members**

Sharon Corea  
Douglas Gerlach (absent)  
LaDawnna Hudson  
Kimberly Nuzman (absent)  
Katie Rosier (absent)  
Sophia Tesch  
Scott Vanhoogstraat (absent)

Trent Montague  
Michael Petramalo

## **Staff**

Scott Clapp  
Carolyn Olson

### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

### **II. Approval of the Minutes from the March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 HSAB Meeting**

The minutes from the March 25, 2010 Human Services Advisory Board were unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

### **III. Items from Citizens Present**

There were no comments from citizens.

### **IV. Discussion Items**

#### **A. Hear a Presentation and Discuss the City Council's Strategic Initiatives, Natalie Lewis, Assistant to the City Manager.**

Natalie Lewis addressed the Human Services Advisory Board regarding the Council's Strategic Initiatives. Ms. Lewis provided a general overview of the Initiatives as well as examples of each Initiative. They are as follows:

- i. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT that is innovative, business friendly and includes a variety of strategic tools, redevelopment of older and vacant areas, and a focus on high-value job creation and employment. Examples: Downtown received a lot of focus. The City owns a substantial amount of real estate that can be used to leverage economic development. H.E.A.T – Healthcare, Education, Aerospace and Tourism. Lightrail, Chicago Cubs, etc.

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- ii. QUALITY OF LIFE for citizens of Mesa that includes safe and clean neighborhoods and parks, transportation options, cultural and arts amenities, and excellent educational opportunities; all of which should be sustainable and environmentally responsible. Examples: parks and recreation, library services, community events (including downtown) thru partnerships, green initiatives, public safety, etc.
- iii. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT to build pride in our City and to encourage a wide range of civic leadership. This includes the involvement of neighborhoods, non-profit and faith-based organizations and direct communication with citizens. Examples: expanding opportunities for community conversation such as city hall at the mall, pancake breakfasts, service days; update the City's website; etc.
- iv. FINANCIAL STABILITY that provides proactive leadership and that considers all financial factors in order to achieve stable revenues, responsible budgeting and organizational efficiencies. Examples: launch of new financial system (CityEdge); Home Rule election; innovative service delivery solutions;
- v. REGIONAL LEADERSHIP that advances solutions to regional challenges, ensures full and active engagement of Mesa's regional partners, and that promotes innovation and sustainable solutions. Examples: Mesa is a leader in the region; work regionally to retain the Chicago Cubs; regional public transit plans; public safety priorities; try to find regional agreements instead of competition.

### **B. FY 10/11 Human Services Funding Recommendations**

The Board was informed that City Council adopted the FY 2010-11 budget including the recommendations made by the Human Services Board.

### **C. Proposed Transfer of Human Services Funding to the Mesa United Way.**

The recommendation to transfer the City's Human Services contributions to the Mesa United Way has been put on hold. As a result, the Human Services Coordinator position may be funded as a part-time position. The Board also asked for clarification regarding funding process *if* the funds are eventually transferred to the Mesa United Way. The Mesa United Way would make recommendations, and they would be approved by Council. Furthermore, the Human Services Advisory Board would no longer need to operate as an entity.

## **V. Action Items**

### **A. Have a Discussion and Take Action on a Proposed Summer Break during the months of July and August.**

The Board unanimously approved a motion to take a summer break during the months of July and August by a vote of 5-0.

## **VI. Staff Reports and Announcements**

### **A. ABC Program Donation Update**

Staff reported a half percentage rise in ABC fund donations. Discussion followed about soliciting community groups to contribute.

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### **B. Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) Update**

Staff reported the success of the program and how that many people were helped by the funding. Discussion followed regarding the qualifications for assistance and verification process.

### **ADJOURN**

With no other agenda items to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

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Sophia Tesch, Chair

October 14, 2010