

CITY OF MESA
HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)
Youth Diversity Education Team Sub-Committee (YDET)
January 20, 2014 Minutes

The Youth Diversity Education Team of Mesa met on December 16th, 2014,
at 5:00pm at the Mesa City Plaza, 20 E. Main St., Ste. 170.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Karen Frias-Long, Chair
Denise Heap
Tony Liuzzo
Cliff Moon
Talmage Pearce
Nadia Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT

Frank Johnson

STAFF PRESENT

Ruth Giese

GUESTS

Kaveh Shahidi

1. Call to Order.

Ms. Frias-Long called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

2. Items from citizens present.

There were no citizens who requested to speak to YDET.

3. Approval of minutes from the December 16th, 2014 YDET meeting.

A motion was made by Dr. Liuzzo to approve the December 16th, 2014 YDET meeting minutes, Dr. Moon seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Hear, discuss and take action on expanding youth involvement with the Community Cinema Series.

Ms. Heap provided an update on the three panelists that she intends to invite to participate for the April film screening.

5. Hear, discuss, and take action on the Diversity Youth Survey in order to explore ways to connect with youth and educate them on diversity related issues.

The subcommittee discussed how this YDET explore planning a Youth Forum on Diversity & Inclusiveness. Representatives of Anti-Defamation League and Gay Lesbian & Straight Education Network will attend the February meeting. Other diversity programs were also discussed that could best serve youth in Mesa, and that a youth forum which invites different groups who teach about inclusion could be successful.

6. Hear an update, discuss and take action on MLK Committee's Youth Leadership Development Conference.

Mr. Moon discussed that the MLK Committee may develop this event into a Juneteenth celebration and more information will be provided next month.

7. Hear an update, discuss and take action on exploring and assessing whether bullying is an issue in Mesa.

The subcommittee discussed the issue of bullying in schools, at work, and on the internet. What focus the subcommittee would take was discussed. Chair Frias-Long recommended to review national data related to bullying among youth in schools. Mr. Pearce noted that it is safe to say that there is bullying in schools. Dr. Liuzzo was interested to find out what schools are doing about the issue. Ms. Heap noted that there are groups who also have may have data available. Chair Frias-Long noted that Skyline High School has a bullying program. Dr. Moon noted that Carson Junior High School has a civility program. Chair Frias Long recommended that rather than focus on the negative aspects of bullying, reaching out to youth in a positive way may be more successful. For example, teaching youth about staying healthy may in turn give them more

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confidence to stand up to bullying. Dr. Liuzzo recommended teaching about personal finances. The subcommittee then discussed creating a class on personal finance, health, and nutrition. Dr. Liuzzo agreed to gather information about a class that his colleague conducted on personal finance. Chair Frias-Long agreed to gather information regarding nutrition and health.

8. Discuss future agenda items, meeting dates, announcements, other housekeeping.

- Next YDET meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10th, 2015 at 5pm.

9. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.

Submitted By:



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