

CITY OF MESA
HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)
Youth Diversity Education Team (YDET)
September 15, 2015 Minutes

The Youth Diversity Education Team of the City of Mesa met on September 15, 2015
at 5:00pm at the Mesa City Plaza, 20 E. Main St. Ste. 170.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Denise Heap, Chair
Cliff Moon, Vice-Chair
Robert Martinez
Talmage Pearce

MEMBERS ABSENT
Frank Johnson
Nadia Khalighi

STAFF PRESENT
Bethany Freeland
Ruth Giese

GUESTS

1. Call to Order.

Ms. Heap called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

- Appoint position of Chair and Vice-Chair.

Ms. Heap appointed herself as Chair and Mr. Moon as Vice-Chair of this subcommittee.

2. Items from citizens present.*

There were no citizens who requested to speak to YDET.

3. Approval of minutes from the June 16th, 2015 YDET meeting.

Mr. Pearce made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 16th, 2015 YDET meeting. Mr. Moon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Hear update, discuss, and take action on planning a diversity education project (including the topic of bullying) with the Baha'i Community, Anti-Defamation League, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Gay Lesbian Education Network.

Ms. Heap suggested that maybe it was time to remove this item from the agenda as no movement had been made on it. Mr. Moon suggested that they hold off on that decision until the committee can speak to Ms. Khalighi, who has been leading this item, and see what kind of progress has been made. Everyone was in agreement with this decision.

5. Hear, discuss, and take action on the MLK Committee's Youth Leadership Development Conference.

Mr. Moon wanted to have some conversations with a few attendees of the Multicultural Education Conference to see if there is still an interest in being involved in this conference. He will let the subcommittee know of the outcome of those conversations at the next meeting in October.

6. Hear, discuss, and take action on expanding the high school portion of the Indie Lens Pop-Up! Series to more than Dobson High School.

The subcommittee would like to continue to expand awareness of the Indie Lens Pop-Up! Film series to more schools. This year's series of films doesn't include any that are directed at Youth specifically.

7. Discuss future agenda items, meeting dates, announcements, and other general information.

Mr. Pearce suggested adding an agenda item that gets school aged kids involved in completing community service projects. He would like to see kids from different school or church groups connecting to make a difference in the community. It could be something that is started by YDET and then is self-propelled within the groups themselves. A motion was made by Mr. Moon to begin researching a way to organize youth service projects, possibly through school organizations, church organizations, or other means and to have the item added as a regular agenda item. Mr. Pearce seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- Next YDET meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20th, 2015 at 5:00pm.

8. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 5:23pm.

Submitted By:



Ruth Giese,
Diversity Program Administrator