

JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

October 3, 2001

The Judicial Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on October 3, 2001 at 8:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE PRESENT

Chairman John Kerr
Judith O'Neill
Cecil Patterson
Joan Ruffennach
Joe Shipley
Marilyn Wilson

COMMITTEE ABSENT

James Keppel

STAFF PRESENT

Denise Bleyle
Kathleen Broman
Pat Granillo

Chairman Kerr excused Boardmember Keppel from the meeting. Boardmember Patterson joined the meeting at 8:10 a.m.

1. Introductions.

Chairman Kerr welcomed newly appointed Boardmember Joan Ruffennach and announced that Ms. Ruffennach will be taking the place of former Boardmember James Hart.

Boardmember Ruffennach provided the Board with a brief synopsis of her professional background and voiced enthusiasm for her new appointment.

Chairman Kerr and the members of the Board welcomed Ms. Ruffennach and congratulated her on her appointment.

2. Elect Chair and Vice Chair.

It was moved by Chairman Kerr, seconded by Boardmember O'Neill, that Boardmember Shipley be appointed Chairman of the Judicial Advisory Board.

Chairman Kerr stated that it was the consensus of the Board that Boardmember Shipley be appointed Chairman of the Judicial Advisory Board.

It was moved by Chairman Kerr, seconded by Boardmember Ruffennach, that Boardmember O'Neill be reappointed Vice Chairman of the Judicial Advisory Board.

Chairman Kerr stated that it was the consensus of the Board that Boardmember O'Neill be reappointed Vice Chairman of the Judicial Advisory Board.

3. Review notebooks – discuss schedule and work plan.

Management Assistant II Denise Bleyle stated that she has prepared individual notebooks for each of the Boardmembers and reviewed the contents of the information contained in the notebooks. She pointed out that the notebooks contain a roster of the Boardmembers' names, phone numbers and term expirations; the ordinance which resulted in the creation of the Board; the Board's procedures and guidelines; a listing of the current terms of the Mesa City Court Magistrates; a Work Plan, and the Ethics Manual for City Councilmembers and Advisory Boardmembers.

Ms. Bleyle stated that the term for newly appointed Magistrates and Magistrates who are up for their first reappointment is two years and subsequent reappointment terms are for periods of four years.

4. Review and consider items related to the reappointment of Magistrate Michelle Lue Sang, whose term expires June 30, 2002.

Ms. Bleyle reported that Magistrate Michelle Lue Sang is the only City Court Magistrate who will be considered for reappointment in 2002 by the Judicial Advisory Board. She stated that Magistrate Lue Sang has received a copy of a mid-term survey report for her review.

In response to questions from Boardmember Wilson, Ms. Bleyle advised that she has not received any adverse comments regarding the performance of any of the City Court Magistrates. She added that Magistrate Karl Eppich, the Board's most recent appointment, is reported to be performing an exemplary job. Ms. Bleyle also stated that she has received positive feedback from representatives of other municipalities regarding the manner in which Mesa's Judicial Advisory Board conducts its evaluation process. Ms. Bleyle added that Mesa's judicial appointment process served as a model for the City of Scottsdale.

Discussion ensued regarding possible modifications to the current application for reappointment and the fact that the Boardmembers will be provided with copies of the original application for reappointment as well as the revised application for reappointment for the Board's review at the December 5, 2001 meeting.

5. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

Discussion ensued relative to the scheduling of the next meeting, and the Board decided to cancel the November 7, 2001 meeting and to set December 5, 2001 as the next meeting. Chairman Kerr added that the January 2, February 6 and March 6, 2002 meeting dates will remain unchanged.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Judicial Advisory Board adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Judicial Advisory Board meeting of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 3rd day of October 2001. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK

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