

**HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
AUGUST 25, 2012 RETREAT MINUTES**

The Human Relations Advisory Board (HRAB) of the City of Mesa met at a Board Retreat August 25, 2012, 8:30 a.m. in the Utilities Building Community Room, 640 N. Mesa Drive.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rory Gilbert, Chair
Denise Heap
Charmain Hopkins
Hong Chartrand
Jaime Aguirre
James May
Lela Peterson
Orchidia Peterson
Wayne Manske

MEMBERS ABSENT

Frank Johnson

STAFF PRESENT

Lyn Buzuleciu
Ruth Giese

GUESTS

Karen Kurtz

1. Chair's call to order.

Ms. Gilbert welcomed new board members and introduced facilitator, Ms. Karen Kurtz.

2. Items from Citizens Present.

There were no citizens who requested to speak to the board.

3. Approval of minutes from the May 23, 2012 board meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson to approve the May 23, 2012 the Human Relations Advisory Board (HRAB) minutes. Ms. Heap seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Review and discuss the role of the Human Relations Advisory Board, including:

- History, mission statement, vision, and goals
- Board member roles, protocols, and code of conduct

Ms. Gilbert presented the background and history of the Human Relations Advisory Board. She explained the mission statement, vision, and goals of the board. Ms. Gilbert briefly discussed protocols and code of conduct, including the Open Meeting Laws governing how the board is to communicate with each other.

5. Review, discuss and provide direction on the Strategic Plan.

Ms. Kurtz led the board in updating the Strategic Plan. The Board discussed its goals and accomplishments.

6. Discuss, select and approve Ad Hoc Teams and Team Chairs and schedule meetings for 2012/2013.

Ms. Gilbert asked the board who was interested in working on particular items of interest for the year as well as joining an ad hoc team. Mr. May, Mr. Aguirre, Mr. Johnson and Ms. Heap chose to be on the Issue Research and Project Team and will follow up on domestic partnership benefits and a diversity champions award.

Mr. Aguirre will be the lead for the Cesar Chavez March.

Ms. Gilbert and Ms. Heap will coordinate MLK films.

Ms. Gilbert is lead on Peace Pole project.

Ms. Hopkins is lead, and Ms. Gilbert and Ms. Heap will assist on the veteran's task force.

Ms. Peterson is lead on Hate crimes and Ms. Heap will assist.

7. Scheduling of meetings, future agenda items, and general information.

The Regional HRC meeting will take place on September 19, 2012.

8. Adjourn.

**The next regular meeting is on October 3, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers Lower Level**