

**HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD  
MAY 25, 2011 MINUTES**

The Human Relations Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in a regular Human Relations Advisory Board Meeting May 25, 2011, 6:00 p.m. in the Upper Level, City Council Chambers, 57 E. First Street.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>	<u>GUESTS</u>
James May, Chair Rory Gilbert, Vice Chair Denise Heap Frank Johnson Wayne Manske Lela Hinds-Peterson Orchidia Peterson	Terry Benelli Ana Cadillo Hong Chartrand Stacey Dillon	Mary Berumen Jennifer Hedges	Councilmember Kavanaugh

1. Welcome and Introductions.

Mr. May welcomed the board, presenters and citizens present.

2. Items from citizens present.

Ms. Gilbert informed all speakers of the 3-minute time limit and to refrain from interrupting. The following citizens spoke to the board to support or oppose the Utah Compact.

**Support**

Mr. Michael Stevens  
Ms. Diane D'Angelo  
Mr. Todd Landfried

**Oppose**

Mr. Bryan Berkland  
Mr. Gene Dufoe  
Mr. Thomas Barnhart

3. Approval of minutes from the April 27, 2011 board meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Heap to approve the April 27, 2011; Human Relations Advisory Board (HRAB) minutes with a correction to item number four. Mr. Manske seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Hear an update, discuss and provide direction on items presented by the:

a. Ad Hoc Community and Education Project Team.

1) Draft recommendation regarding the Utah Compact for consideration by the City Council.

Ms. Gilbert reported the HRAB Ad Hoc Community and Education Project Team made and voted unanimously on the following motion at the May 17, 2011 meeting.

Mr. Manske made a motion to forward the draft of the "Mesa" Compact to the HRAB for final review at which time it will be recommended for submittal to the Mesa City Council along with the HRAB report including the recommendation to have the HRAB continue community dialogue regarding the Mesa Compact. Ms. Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Heap amended the motion to include that the HRAB will endorse and adopt for itself the Mesa Compact.

The board discussed the Ad Hoc Team's changes to the Utah Compact. The board discussed holding a community dialogue session that would give everyone a chance to express concerns and common ground about the Utah Compact and immigration.

The board voted on the motion made by the HRAB Ad Hoc Community and Education Project Team to approve the draft "Mesa" Compact.

The motion carried unanimously.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
James May, Chair	Yes
Rory Gilbert, Vice Chair	Yes
Denise Heap	Yes
Frank Johnson	Yes
Wayne Manske	Yes
Lela Hinds-Peterson	Yes
Orchidia Peterson	Yes

Ms. Gilbert made a motion to forward and recommend the Mesa Compact to City Council including the opportunity to have the HRAB hold a community conversation event(s) for residents wishing to express concerns and find common ground. In addition the HRAB will endorse and adopt the Mesa Compact as a board. Ms. Heap seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
James May, Chair	Yes
Rory Gilbert, Vice Chair	Yes
Denise Heap	Yes
Frank Johnson	Yes
Wayne Manske	Yes
Lela Hinds-Peterson	Yes
Orchidia Peterson	Yes

b. Ad Hoc Marketing and Communications Project Team.

- 1) Hear an update from staff on the completion of the HRAB Web links, logo, and brochure. Including the completed first-draft of a HRAB brochure.

No report was given.

5. Discuss and vote on the selection of the position of Chair and Vice Chair for 2011/2012.

Mr. May recommend tabling the vote for Chair and Vice Chair until August. Ms. Heap motioned and Ms. Gilbert seconded. Discussion was had and passed as follows:

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
James May, Chair	Yes
Rory Gilbert, Vice Chair	Yes
Denise Heap	Yes
Frank Johnson	Yes
Wayne Manske	No
Lela Hinds-Peterson	Yes

6. Diversity Officer's Report:

- a. Hear an update on the Diversity Office, Neighborhood Outreach Office, Housing and Human Services activities.

Ms. Berumen announced that this will be her last meeting and applications are being accepted for a Diversity Program Administrator. Mr. May thanked Ms. Berumen for all of her hard work and dedication to Diversity and to the board.

- 1) Community Cinema Series, Mesa Arts Center 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
  - Two Spirits June 16, 2011

7. Report on conferences and/or meetings attended.

Mr. May reported on the Regional Human Relations Advisory Committee meeting on May 4, 2011. The committee discussed the work Mesa's HRAB is doing on the Utah Compact.

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

Ms. Gilbert reported on the monthly Diversity Leadership Alliance workshop on June 16, 2011.

Mr. May reported on a press release regarding HUD awarding funding for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). NSP provides grants to purchase foreclosed or abandoned homes and to rehabilitate, resell, or redevelop these homes in order to stabilize neighborhoods and stem the decline of house values of neighboring homes.

Ms. Berumen reported that Mesa's Housing Authority was awarded funds for the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP), to assist with those who are currently homeless or being evicted from current housing.

Mr. May reported that the board will be on summer break June and July, returning to regular board meeting beginning Wednesday, August 24, 2011.

Ms. Berumen thanked and recognized Ms. Hedges for her work with the board.

9. Adjourn

Mr. May thanked everyone in the audience and adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:18 p.m.

***The next regular meeting is on August 24, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.  
Lower Level, City Council Chambers.***

Submitted By:

  
Mary Berumen,  
Housing and Revitalization Director