CITY OF MESA
HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)
September 27, 2017 Action Results

The Human Relations Advisory Board (HRAB) of the City of Mesa met on September 27, 2017 at 6:00pm in the Lower Level City Council Chambers at 57 E 1st St.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Colleen Byron- Vice Chair
Joseph Holmes
Nadia Khalighi
Silvia Stanford
Mark Tompert
Keola Tweedy
Louis Wade

MEMBERS ABSENT
Cliff Moon- Chair
Winnie Kaplan
Robert Martinez
Cassandra Sampson

STAFF PRESENT
Chief Batista
Bethany Freeland
Eloy Garza
Ruth Giese
Kelly Gregan
Ray Villa

GUESTS
Diane Belch
Angela Booker
Richard Booker
Sheldon Daisley
Maribel Dillard
John Goodie

1. Chair’s Call to Order’

Dr. Byron called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. Items from Citizens Present. *

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the Board.

3. Approval of minutes from the August 26, 2017 HRAB Strategic Planning Session.

Mr. Tompert motioned to approve the minutes with submitted changes to item 1: “Dr. Moon called the meeting to order.” Ms. Khalighi seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Hear presentation on the City’s digital community engagement campaign, Imagine Mesa.

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the Board.

5. Hear presentation/discussion from representative of East Valley Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee.

Mr. Tompert made a motion to recommend to Mayor and Council that the City waive all imposed City fees for the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and also be open to discussing ways that the City can help make the event more sustainable going forward. Ms. Khalighi seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Tompert made a motion that a letter be drafted outlining the requests in the prior motion to then be sent to Mayor and Council. Ms. Khalighi seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
Mr. Wade made a motion that a single Board member draft the letter on behalf of the entire Board and then submit it to the Diversity office for delivery to Mayor and Council. Ms. Tweedy seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Discuss and take action on Mesa Police Department Monthly Community Engagement Report.

(6a) Welcome of new Mesa Police Chief, Ramon Batista.

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the Board.

(6b) Updates on Diversity related police incidents and activities.

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the Board.

(6c) Updates on scheduling of upcoming Police Advisory Board meetings.

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the Board.

7. Discuss and take action on the cancellation or rescheduling of the following Board meetings:

- Rescheduling of November 22, 2017 Board meeting to December 6, 2017.

  Mr. Tompert made a motion to reschedule the November 22, 2017 Board meeting to December 6, 2017. Mr. Wade seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- Cancellation of December 27, 2017 Board meeting.

  Mr. Tompert made a motion to cancel the December 27, 2017 Board meeting. Mr. Wade seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

8. Hear reports on conferences and/or meeting attended.

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the Board.

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

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the Board.

(9a) Next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 6PM in the Lower Level City Council Chambers (57 E 1st St).

(9b) Celebrate Mesa will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at the Red Mountain Soccer Complex (905 N Sunvalley Blvd) from 5PM to 9PM.

(9c) 15th Annual Latino Town Hall will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at the Mesa Arts Center (1 E Main St) from 7AM to 12PM.

(9d) Proposed dates for next Regional Human Relations Commission meeting are December 7, 2017 or December 14, 2017.
10. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54PM.

*Members of the audience may address the Board on any item. The Arizona Open Meeting Law (ARS § 38-431 et seq.) limits the Human Relations Advisory Board to discussing only those matters listed on the agenda and other matters related thereto.

The City of Mesa is committed to making its public meetings accessible. For accommodations, translation, or additional information, please contact the City of Mesa Diversity Office at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting at (480) 644-5432 or AzRelay 7-1-1 for those who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Si necesita asistencia o traducción en español, favor de llamar al menos 48 horas antes de la reunión al 480-644-2767.

Supporting data is available for public review in the Diversity & Neighborhood Outreach Office, 20 E. Main St., Suite 250, Mesa, Arizona 85201 (480) 644-5432