

**CITY OF MESA
HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)
December 4, 2013 Action Results**

The Human Relations Advisory Board (HRAB) of the City of Mesa met on December 4th, 2013,
at 6:00pm in the Upper Level, City Council Chambers, 57 E. First Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Denise Heap, Chair
Susan Lotz, Vice Chair
Frank Johnson
Tony Liuzzo
Cliff Moon
Talmage Pearce
Lu Ann Schmidt
Mark Tompert

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cheryl Anderson

STAFF PRESENT

Andrea Arenas
Tony Filler
Ruth Giese
Justin Smothers
Ray Villa

GUESTS

Terry Benelli
Lam Q. Bui
Van Bui
Dzung C-Tran
Kevin Dang
Kathy Huynh
Son Huynh
Bill Laurie
Mai Le
Kevin Ngo
Eileen Nguyen
Nam Nguyen
Sang Nguyen
Tao Nguyen
Yen Nguyen

1. Chair's Call to Order.

Ms. Heap called the meeting to order at 5:55pm.

- Introduction and announcement of new board members Cheryl Anderson and Tony Liuzzo.

2. Items from Citizens Present.*

One citizen requested to speak to the board expressing support for the police advisory board meetings, especially the Red Mountain Community Advisory Board which has been inactive for the past two years.

3. Approval of minutes from the October 23rd, 2013 meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Schmidt to approve the October 23rd, 2013 minutes. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

4. Discuss and take action on Mesa Police Department Report.

- Report from Commander Tony Filler from the Red Mountain Police District.
- Report on police related incidents and activities.
- Updates and scheduling of upcoming Police Advisory Board meetings.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

5. Hear a presentation, discuss and consider update on the General Plan.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

6. Hear a presentation and discuss the request to proclaim the South Vietnamese Flag as the official flag of Mesa's Vietnamese community from the Vietnamese Community of Arizona.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

7. Hear, discuss, and take action on items presented by the Ad Hoc Issues Research and Action Team.
- Provide update on the collaboration with Morrison Institute on the community survey.
 - Report on the Mesa Speaks, Mesa Listens: Community Conversation on Discrimination series.
 - Report on the speaker's bureau.
 - Participation in Phoenix Pride Parade to be held on April 5th, 2014.

Mr. Moon forwarded the motion from the ad hoc committee to participate in the Phoenix Pride Parade, Mr. Tompert seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Hear, discuss, and take action on items presented by the Ad Hoc Disabilities Action Team.
- Update on education event for service animals.
 - Report on ways of educating the community on mental health issues.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

9. Hear, discuss, and take action on items presented by the Ad Hoc Youth Diversity Education Team.
- Report on educating youth through the Cinema Series project.
 - Report on educating youth through the bullying project.
 - Report on discussion of the M.E.S.A. project.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

10. Hear, discuss, and take action on items presented by the Ad Hoc Veterans Task Force.
- Introduction of new staff liaison, Justin Smothers.
 - Meeting scheduled for December 12th, 2013 at 11:30am at Mesa City Plaza, Ste. 250.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

11. Hear and discuss conferences and/or meetings.
- MLK Dinner to be held on January 18th, 2014 at Marriott Hotel & Resorts 200 N. Centennial Way, Mesa at 6pm.
 - MLK Parade to be held on January 20th, 2014 in Downtown Mesa from 11am-12pm.
 - Regional HRC Meeting scheduled on February 11th, 2014 in the evening at City of Tempe's Transportation Bldg.

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

- Next meeting will be held on January 22nd, 2014 at 6pm.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Submitted By:



Ruth Giese,
Diversity Program Administrator