

CITY OF MESA
HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)
VETERANS TASK FORCE TEAM (VTF)
January 23, 2013 Minutes

The Veterans Task Force of the City of Mesa met on January 23rd, 2013, at 5:30 p.m.
in the Lower Level, City Council Chambers, 57 E. First Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Denise Heap

Rory Gilbert

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Andrea Arenas

1. Call to Order.

Ms. Gilbert called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

2. Items from citizens present

There were no citizens who requested to speak to VTF.

3. Approval of minutes from the November 28th, 2012 VTF meeting.

This item was tabled for discussion.

4. Review, consider and take action on meeting preparations and finalize meeting structure for January 26th, 2013 VTF meeting.

Ms. Gilbert inquired on the list of attendees scheduled to participate. Ms. Arenas advised that sixteen people have confirmed their attendance including three Mesa Police Department representatives and two agents from Mesa United Way. Ms. Gilbert advised that Darcy Breault sent a notice advising that she was not able to attend. Ms. Heap asked to review the agenda. Ms. Gilbert read the proposed agenda. Ms. Gilbert suggested that one of the items she would like discussed is preferential treatment for the hiring of veterans. Ms. Heap stated that she was recently made aware of an issue concerning veterans and their service animals at grocery stores that she would also like to address at the meeting. She witnessed a veteran asked to leave a store because he was accompanied by his service dog even though he had the proper documentation. Ms. Gilbert inquired whether Mayor Smith was still scheduled to attend. In response, Ms. Arenas confirmed his appearance. The team further discussed logistics for the meeting such as supplies, refreshments and seating arrangements.

5. Discuss and consider future agenda items, meeting dates, announcements, other housekeeping.

Ms. Gilbert suggested a debrief meeting by phone. A meeting date was scheduled for Monday, February 4th, 2013 at 4pm by teleconference.

6. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 5:47pm.

Submitted By:



Ruth Giese,
Diversity Program Administrator