

**CITY OF MESA**  
**HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)**  
**Youth Diversity Education Team (YDET)**  
April 19, 2016 Minutes

The Youth Diversity Education Team of the City of Mesa met on April 19, 2016  
at 5:00pm at Wilkes University 245 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St.

MEMBERS PRESENT  
Nadia Khalighi, Chair  
Cliff Moon, Vice-Chair  
Robert Martinez  
Martin Rios

MEMBERS ABSENT  
Denise Heap  
Frank Johnson

STAFF PRESENT  
Jason Davenport  
Bethany Freeland

GUESTS  
Nate Benner  
Colby Jeffers  
Erica Reyes  
Kaveh Shahidi  
Dr. Pat Young

1. Call to Order.

Ms. Khalighi called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

2. Items from citizens present.\*

There were no citizens who requested to speak to YDET.

3. Approval of minutes from the January 27, 2016 YDET meeting.

Mr. Moon made a motion to approve the January 19, 2016 minutes. Ms. Khalighi seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Khalighi made a motion to approve the March 15, 2016 minutes. Mr. Rios seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Hear an update, discuss, and take action on the following items:

(4a) Organizing youth community service projects and public education, including the topic of Diversity, through organizations such as: the Baha'i Community, Anti-Defamation League, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Gay and Lesbian Education Network.

(4a-1) Organizing of a Youth Peace-Building Summit

Ms. Khalighi welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming out to Wilkes University to meet. Mr. Davenport gave the group an overview of the facility, including its layout, some history, and what areas will be utilized during the Summit. Ms. Khaligh asked Mr. Davenport if there was a sound system in the main room that the Summit will be held in. He stated that there is not one set up for music. Ms. Freeland offered to bring the speakers and microphone from the Diversity office. Ms. Khalighi also asked if Wilkes would be able to provide some stationary items that the students would be able to use during the Summit. She also stated that it would be a good way for the college to market it itself to possible new incoming freshman. Dr. Young went through a brief overview of the session topics and what kind of activities they will entail. Mr. Davenport stated that the Committee would have the ability to bring items for the Summit as early as Thursday evening and through Friday, so as to lighten the set-up burden the morning of. He also informed the Committee that the Wilkes Facilities workers would be arranging the tables needed for the Summit prior to Saturday morning. Ms. Khalighi thanked Mr. Davenport and Wilkes University for all of their help and generosity in putting the Summit together.

(4a-2) Organizing a mural project at Community Partners School

This item was not discussed at this meeting.

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(4a-3) Organizing additional Youth Reading Service Projects

This item was not discussed at this meeting.

5. Scheduling of meetings, future agenda items, announcements, and other general information.

(5a) Next YDET meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 5:00pm.

6. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22pm.

Submitted By:



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Diversity Program Administrator