

**HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF MESA
MESA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, LOWER LEVEL
57 EAST FIRST STREET
MARCH 19, 2009
-MEETING MINUTES-**

MEMBERS

Douglas Gerlach
John Gutierrez (absent)
Raymond Jones
Kimberly Nuzman
Rhonda Oliver (absent)
Michael Petramalo
Linda Starr
Sophia Tesch

STAFF

Mary Brandon
Scott Clapp (absent)
Carolyn Olson
Lisa Wilson

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Raymond Jones convened the meeting at 5:30p.m.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Representatives from Community Bridges, East Valley Senior Center and Marc Center made comments regarding the needs of their organization.

- Community Bridges (Kristin Polin) – Requesting stabled funding. Heroin use is on the rise with Mesa Residents. There are an increasing number of younger people nightly in detox. Many high school students are in the program. Goal is to transition into recovery program not to the street. The program works very closely with the Mesa Police and Fire.
- East Valley Senior Center (Dan Taylor) – Request for funding 3 programs.
- MARC Center (Randy Gray) – Requesting level funding. \$12,000 directed at 700 people in the transition program for behavioral health.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 26, 2009 MINUTES

Mr. Raymond Jones made a motion to approve the February 26, 2009 minutes with needed corrections and the Board unanimously voted to approve the February 26, 2009 minutes.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON MERGING THE HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARDS

Carolyn Olson reviewed the interest in the merging of the Housing and Human Services Advisory Boards. Christian Karas from the Housing Advisory Board shared the focus of the HAB. It was recommended to have a joint meeting to discuss and possibly propose merging of the two boards. Board unanimously voted to go forward to joint meeting.

REVIEW APPLICATION FUNDING REQUESTS

The 2009/2010 funding requests spreadsheet was reviewed. Board reviewed and made Board recommendations that will go to City Council. Linda Starr made a motion to accept board recommendations and Kim Nuzman seconded, the board unanimously voted to approve recommendations.

STAFF REPORTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Homeless Connect Project is April 17, 2009 at City of Grace Church. Semi truck with showers, medical help, haircuts, DES, and Motor Vehicle for IDs. Volunteers are needed Thursday, April 16, 2009 for setup and Friday, April 17, 2009 until 3:00p.m.

Human Services presentation to City Council

The recommendations will be taken to City Council on May 7, 2009 at 7:30a.m.

Plans for Next Meeting

The joint Housing Advisory and Human Services Board will be held on April 23, 2009 at 5:30p.m.

ADJOURN

With no other agenda items to be discussed, Chair Raymond Jones adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:43p.m.