

**CITY OF MESA**  
**HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)**  
**Youth Diversity Education Team (YDET)**  
November 17, 2016 Minutes

The Youth Diversity Education Team of the City of Mesa met on November 17, 2016  
at 5:00pm at 250 E Main St Suite 170.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nadia Khalighi, Chair  
Robert Martinez  
Martin Rios

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cliff Moon, Vice Chair

STAFF PRESENT

Bethany Freeland

GUESTS

1. Call to Order.

Ms. Khalighi called the meeting to order at 5:06pm.

2. Items from citizens present.\*

There were no citizens who requested to speak to YDET.

3. Approval of minutes from the October 20, 2016 YDET meeting.

Ms. Freeland informed the Committee that minutes had not yet been prepared and this item would be moved to next month's agenda.

4. Discuss and vote on the selection of the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2016-2017 Board year.

The Committee agreed to move this item to next month's agenda in order to give new Board members time to join.

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

(5a) Organizing youth community service projects 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.

(5a-1) Organizing of a 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Youth Peace Building Summit.

Ms. Khalighi stated that they would wait to discuss the agenda item until such time that Dr. Moon is present. The group did decided to approach Wilkes University with the possibility of hosting the Summit on either April 8, 2017 or April 15, 2017. Mr. Rios also stated he would discuss the issue of security with the Mesa Police Department. Mr. Martinez asked if they would be reaching out to middle school students as well as high school this time around. Ms. Khalighi agreed that that would be something worth discussing with Dr. Moon.

(5a-2) Organizing a mural project at Care Partnership school.

Ms. Khalighi stated that she spoke with a member of the Westwood Mural Club at that they are very excited to be a part of the project. Mr. Martinez said that he would take a picture of all the supplies that the Subcommittee currently has for this project.

(5a-3) Organizing additional Youth Reading Service Projects.

Ms. Khalighi stated that she would check with Eric Reyes to see if the Junior Youth Empowerment Group would be available for a Monday date in December. Ms. Freeland reminded the group that they still have snacks left over from last year. Ms. Khalighi informed Mr. Freeland that she would inform her when Erica Reyes reached out to her with a date so that she could communicate that information to the rest of the subcommittee.

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

Ms. Khalighi reminded the group that in light of the recent political climate, their charge is more important than ever. And that she would like to reconvene after the holidays and amp up their forward progress on their agenda items.

(6a) Next YDET meeting will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 5:00pm.

7. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34pm.

Submitted By:



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