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**CITY OF MESA  
HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)  
April 26, 2017 Action Results**

The Human Relations Advisory Board (HRAB) of the City of Mesa met on April 26, 2017  
at 6:00pm at Mesa Council Chambers-Lower Level 57 E First St.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mark Tompert – Chair  
Cliff Moon- Vice Chair  
Colleen Byron  
Joseph Holmes  
Winnie Kaplan  
Nadia Khalighi  
Martin Rios  
Keola Tweedy  
Louis Wade

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Robert Martinez  
Cassandra Sampson

**STAFF PRESENT**

Bethany Freeland  
Ruth Giese  
Mayor John Giles  
Natalie Lewis  
Ian Linssen  
Cm. Jeff Thompson  
Ray Villa

**GUESTS**

Dr. Michael Cowan  
Kiana Sears

1. Chair's Call to Order

Mr. Tompert called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Items from Citizens Present. \*

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the Board.

3. Hear presentation, discuss and make a recommendation on a presentation by Mesa Mayor, John Giles, on the topics of:

(3a) The City Council's strategic planning priority topic of diversity; and

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the Board.

(3b) An update on a non-discrimination ordinance for the City.

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the Board.

4. Discussion regarding partnering with the Mesa Public School System on addressing matters of diversity and inclusion within the City of Mesa.

Mr. Tompert made a motion to make this a standing item on the agenda. Dr. Byron seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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5. Approval of minutes from the March 22, 2017 HRAB meeting.

Dr. Moon made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2017 HRAB meeting. Dr. Byron seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Discuss and take action on Mesa Police Department Monthly Community Engagement Report.

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the Board.

(6a) Updates on Diversity related police incidents and activities.

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the Board.

(6b) Updates on scheduling of upcoming Police Advisory Board meetings.

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the Board.

(6c) Updates by Dr. Byron regarding the Police Community Forums and statistics of police activities in the community.

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the Board.

7. Discuss and take action on items presented by the Youth Diversity Education Team

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the Board.

(7a) Organize 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.

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the Board.

(7a-1) Organizing of a 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Youth Peace Building Summit.

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the Board.

8. Discuss and take action on items presented by the Disabilities Action Team.

(8a) Hear presentation/discussion from City of Mesa Transit Services Director.

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the Board.

(8b) Organizing a meeting and presentation regarding individuals with mental health and substance abuse issues to the Chamber of Commerce.

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the Board.

9. Discuss and take action on the following standing items outlined in the 2015-17 Strategic Plan.

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the Board.

- (7a) Updates by Mr. Rios regarding 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing.

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the Board.

- (7b) Updates on increasing the number of speakers enrolled in the Speaker's Bureau and marketing the availability of the Speaker's Bureau as a community resource.

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the Board.

10. Hear reports on conferences and/or meetings attended.

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the Board.

11. Scheduling of meetings, future agenda items, and general information, including those set forth below.

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the Board.

- (11a) The next Subcommittee meetings will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2017: Youth Diversity Education Team beginning at 5:00PM and Disabilities Action Team beginning at 5:45PM. This time, date, and/or location may be subject to change.

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the Board.

- (11b) The next Board meeting will be held on May 24, 2017 at 6:00PM at the Lower Level Mesa City Council Chambers.

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the Board.

- (11c) YDET 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Peace Building Summit- Saturday, April 29, 2017 at Wilkes University (245 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St Mesa, AZ 85201)

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the Board.

- (11d) Marc Community Resources to speak at Mesa Morning Live Event on the topic of businesses and hiring practices of individuals with mental health issues- Crescent Crowne Distributing. (1640 W Broadway Rd Mesa, AZ 85202) Event to begin at 6:30AM.

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the Board.

- (11e) Discuss hosting the Regional Human Relations Commission Meeting in the fall of 2017.

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the Board.

12. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

**\*Members of the audience may address the Board on any item. The Arizona Open Meeting Law (ARS § 38-431 et seq.) limits the Human Relations Advisory Board to discussing only those matters listed on the agenda and other matters related thereto.**

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