

CITY OF MESA
HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)
Disabilities Action Team (DAT)
May 17, 2016 Minutes

The Disabilities Action Team of the City of Mesa met on May 17, 2016
at 5:45pm at the Mesa City Plaza, 20 E. Main St. Ste. 170.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>	<u>GUESTS</u>
Cheryl Anderson Colleen Byron Mark Tompert	Denise Heap- Vice Chair	Bethany Freeland Ruth Giese	

1. Call to Order.

Ms. Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:50pm.

2. Items from citizens present.*

There were no citizens who requested to speak to DAT.

3. Approval of minutes from the February 16, 2016 and March 15, 2016 DAT meetings.

Mr. Tompert made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 16 and March 15, 2016 DAT meetings. Dr. Byron seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

(4a) Organize a meeting and presentation regarding individuals with mental health and substance abuse issues to the Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Anderson informed the Committee that she will be emailing Sally of the Chamber in regards to this item. She also stated that she finally had a chance to meet Sally.

(4b) Collect information and recommendations about ways to support the availability of services and programs for people with disabilities and the implementation of the ADA.

It was discussed that this was an item requested by past Committee member, Ms. Schmidt, and that the presentation given by the members of Housing and Code had sufficiently addressed this issue. The Committee decided to discuss with the full Board about striking this item from any further DAT agendas.

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

Mr. Tompert questioned when the DAT might have an update from the Courts, as well as Ms. Sorrell from Transportation. Ms. Freeland stated that she spoke with Ms. Sorrell and that she plans to attend a fall meeting. Ms. Giese stated that she would reach out to the Courts to see if there is any kind of pertinent update. Ms. Anderson stated that May was Mental Health Awareness Month and that on the 2nd, the Mayor had come to Marc Centers to give a proclamation. Ms. Gervase and Mr. Thomas from the Courts were also present. Judge Tafoya was also present, and Ms. Anderson stated that he was very engaging and that it was an exceptional experience. Mr. Tompert wondered whether the formation of the Police Advisory Board should be added to the DAT agenda. Dr. Byron suggested that they keep it off of any agenda until they can come up with some kind of idea of action so that it can be freely discussed in the meantime. The Committee

expressed that they would like Mr. Brent Burgess from the Fire Behavioral Health Unit and an individual from Community Bridges to update the DAT on their previous presentations.

(5a) Next DAT meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 5:45pm.

6. The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

Submitted By:



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