

CITY OF MESA
HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)
Youth Diversity Education Team (YDET)
October 20, 2016 Minutes

The Youth Diversity Education Team of the City of Mesa met on October 20, 2016
at 5:00pm at 250 E Main St Suite 170.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>	<u>GUESTS</u>
Nadia Khalighi, Chair Cliff Moon, Vice Chair Robert Martinez Martin Rios		Bethany Freeland	

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 May 17, 2016 YDET meeting.

Mr. Moon made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2016 YDET meeting. Mr. Rios seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

It was decided to move this item to next month's agenda in order to give new Board members time to decide if they would like to join the Subcommittee.

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 2nd Annual Youth Peace Building Summit.

Mr. Moon stated that since he is no longer working with Mesa Public Schools, he no longer has a direct contact, but that he would be willing to reach out to them in order to procure a liaison for them. He also said that the individuals he had reached out to after the Summit had hoped to hold the second Summit prior to the month of May. There was a consensus among the Subcommittee that they should pursue planning a 2nd Annual Youth Peace Building Summit for the Spring of 2017. Ms. Khalighi stated that she learned at the Human Relations Commissions Meeting that a few of the HRC's had access to funds of some kind, she would like to learn how the HRAB and its Subcommittees can gain access to monies. Mr. Moon questioned Ms. Freeland as to whether or not they could utilize the City's grant writer. Ms. Freeland informed the Board that while that may be a possibility it is vital that the Subcommittee do everything in their power to raise funds on their own as well. Even City run programs make efforts to

raise funds or acquire project materials by other means that using City funds. Mr. Rios stated that the Subcommittee should have an idea of what their baseline needs will be as far as materials will be.

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

Ms. Khalighi stated that the design of the mural is still yet to be decided upon. She also said that Westwood High School has a mural painting club and that it might be a good idea to involve them in the project. The group also agreed that they need to know what kind of materials Westwood may be able to provide for the project. Ms. Freeland stated that the City of Mesa Diversity office would be willing to supply water for the project.

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

Ms. Freeland told the Board that it might be a good idea to start thinking about expanding the project by raising funds to purchase books and then laying out a program framework in order to lead additional groups on how to continue the program on their own. The Subcommittee agreed that this was a good idea. Ms. Khalighi stated Thursdays work better for Care Partnership. The group agreed that they would contact Erica Reyes of the Junior Youth Empowerment Group to see what date may be good for them and then propose that date to Care Partnership. Mr. Moon was wondering how outreach regarding the reading program was done the first time around. Ms. Khalighi stated that Care Partnership had posted a small flyer advising parents of the after school program that the YDET would be there doing a reading.

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

(6a) Next YDET meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 5:00pm.

Ms. Freeland informed the YDET that the room for their meeting is not available to meet on the second Tuesday. The group agreed that keeping the meetings on Thursday's is working best for them right now.

7. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34pm.

Submitted By:



Ruth Giese,
Diversity Program Administrator