
**CITY OF MESA
HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)
February 24, 2016 Action Results**

The Human Relations Advisory Board (HRAB) of the City of Mesa met on February 24, 2016 at 6:00pm in the Upper Level, City Council Chambers, 57 E. First Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Denise Heap- Chair
Cheryl Anderson- Vice
Chair
Frank Johnson
Nadia Khalighi
Robert Martinez
Talmage Pearce
Martin Rios
LuAnn Schmidt
Mark Tompert

MEMBERS ABSENT

Colleen Byron
Cliff Moon

STAFF PRESENT

Ruth Giese
Kelly Gregan
Cmmndr Bill Peters
Ray Villa

GUESTS

1. Vice Chair's Call to Order.

Ms. Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

2. Items from Citizens Present.*

There were no citizens present who requested to speak to the Board.

3. Approval of minutes from the October 28, 2015 HRAB meeting.

Ms. Heap made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2016 meeting. Ms. Khalighi seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

(4a) Updates on Diversity related police incidents and activities.

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

(4b) Updates and scheduling of upcoming Police Advisory Board meetings.

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

(4c) Discussion and updates on the Mesa Police related shooting that occurred on February 4, 2016.

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

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

- (5a) Updates on organizing youth community service and diversity education project (including the topic of bullying) with the Baha'i Community, Anti-Defamation League, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Gay Lesbian Education Network.

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

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

- (6a) Overview of presentation on the monitoring of transportation services for people with disabilities including reviewing a quarterly report and annual report of East Valley Dial-A-Ride.

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

- (6b) Updates on 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.

- (6c) Updates on collecting information and recommendations about ways to support the availability of services and programs for people with disabilities and the implementation of the ADA.

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

7. Discuss and take action on items presented by the Diversity and Inclusion Report Action Team.

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

- (7a) Updates on identifying and evaluating options for addressing the following issues from the Mesa Speaks, Mesa Listens: Inclusion and Diversity Report.

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

(7a-1) Coordinating the development of a six-month long task force for the purpose of addressing issues that impact the LGBT population.

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

(7a-2) Coordinating the development of a task force to address issues that impact the Hispanic and Latino Community.

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

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

- (8a) Updates by Dr. Byron regarding monitoring the Police Community Forums and the statistics of police activity in the community.

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

- (8b) Updates by Mr. Rios regarding 21st Century Policing.

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

- (8c) Updates on increasing the number of speakers enrolled in the Speaker's Bureau and marketing that availability of the Speaker's Bureau as a community resource.

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

9. Hear updates, discuss, and take action on the progress of the City's Anti-Discrimination Ordinance.

Ms. Anderson made a motion to keep this as a standing item on the Board's agenda. Vote was as follows: Aye- 7, Nay- 3. True majority was reached and as such, the motion carried.

10. Hear an update from the Diversity Director.

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

11. Hear reports on conferences and/or meetings attended

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

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

- (15a) Next meeting will be held on March 23, 2016.

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

- (15b) Indie Lens Pop-Up: *Peace Officer* on April 21, 2016 at the Dobson Ranch Library located at 2425 S Dobson Rd.

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

- (15c) The 2016 Phoenix Pride Parade will be held on Sunday April 3, 2016 at 10am.

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

13. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.

***Members of the audience may address the Board on any item. State Statute prohibits the Human Relations Advisory Board from discussing any item that is not on the agenda.**

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