



**CITY OF MESA
HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)
February 22, 2017 Action Results**

The Human Relations Advisory Board (HRAB) of the City of Mesa met on February 22, 2017 at 6:00pm in the Lower Level, City Council Chambers, 57 E. First Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Tompert – Chair
Colleen Byron
Joseph Holmes
Winnie Kaplan
Robert Martinez
Cliff Moon
Martin Rios
Cassandra Sampson
Keola Tweedy
Louis Wade

MEMBERS ABSENT

Nadia Khalighi

STAFF PRESENT

Bethany Freeland
Ruth Giese
Ray Villa

GUESTS

Member of Boy Scout
Pack #53

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. Approval of minutes from the December 7, 2016 and January 25, 2017 HRAB meetings.

The minutes from the December 7, 2016 meeting will be approved by Chair Tompert once they are prepared. Dr. Byron made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2017 meeting. Mr. Rios seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(4c) Review My Brother's Keeper initiative with the Mesa Police Department.

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

- (4d) Updates by Dr. Byron regarding the Police Community Forums and statistics of police activity in the community.

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

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

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

- (5a) 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.

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

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

- (5a-2) Organizing a mural project at Community Partners School.

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

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

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

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

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

- (6a) Hear presentation/discussion from City of Mesa Courts regarding topics such as Veteran's Court and Rule 11 on mental competency hearing.

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

- (6b) 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.

7. 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 21st 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.

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

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

9. Discuss promoting greater awareness of diversity, inclusion, and tolerance in Mesa educational institutions based on the results of the Mesa Opinion Survey of 2014.

Dr. Byron made a motion for the Board to draft a formal letter, starting with Mesa Public Schools, inviting them (representatives of) to attend Board meetings in order to discuss the topic listed above. Mr. Wade seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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, March 16, 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 March 22, 2017 at 6:00PM at **Mesa City Plaza (20 E Main St Suite 170)**.

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

- (11c) Open invite to Mesa Veteran's Court on February 28, 2017. Staffing will begin at 7:30AM and court will begin at 1:30PM. Location is Mesa Municipal Court, 250 E 1st Ave, Conference Room 301.

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

- (11d) Indie Lens Pop-Up! Film screening of *The Bad Kids* on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 2:00PM at the Mesa Public Library Main Branch.

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

- (11e) Phoenix Pride Parade- Sunday, April 2, 2017 with parade step-off at 10:00AM. The parade will begin at 3rd St and Thomas.

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

12. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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