

CITY OF MESA
HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)
Youth Diversity Education Team Sub-Committee (YDET)
March 17th, 2015 Minutes

The Youth Diversity Education Team of Mesa met on March 17th, 2015,
at 5:00pm 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> |
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| Karen Frias-Long, Chair Denise Heap Tony Liuzzo Nadia Taylor | Talmage Pearce Frank Johnson Cliff Moon | Andrea Alicoate Lindsey Balinkie | Kim Klett Lisa Mangan |

1. Call to Order.

Ms. Heap called the meeting to order at 5:10pm.

2. Items from citizens present.

There were no citizens who requested to speak to YDET.

3. Approval of minutes from the February 10th, 2015 YDET meeting.

A motion was made by Dr. Liuzzo to approve the February 10th, 2015 YDET meeting minutes, Ms. Heap seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Hear update, discuss, and take action on planning the April 9th, 2015 screening of the film *The Homestretch*.

Ms. Heap reviewed expected attendee numbers and promotional efforts with a goal of 75 attendees to attend. Ms. Mangan discussed that the film will also be shown at Dobson High School and she would like to bring some of her students to the April 9th showing.

5. Hear update, discuss, and take action on planning a diversity education project with Baha'i community, Anti-Defamation League, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Gay Lesbian Education Network.

Ms. Heap discussed the need for setting a date for this project. National Make a Difference Day which takes place in October 2015 was mentioned as a good option because October is also bullying prevention month. The subcommittee discussed organizing the event as a diversity fair which will include a service project to tie in the history of diversity in Mesa. The project will provide service to C.A.R.E. Partnership.

Ms. Frias-Long will contact Red Mountain High School to check on their current diversity program to see if they would be a good fit for participating in this project. Ms.Mangan recommended the topics of cyber-bullying and unhealthy relationships. Ms.Klett recommended topics of mental health and suicide prevention and suggested including counselors at the event if these topics are covered. Ms.Frias-Long will contact 'Not My Kid' to see what topics they offer as the next step in the planning process. The subcommittee discussed offering a series of educational events rather than overloading one event with too many topics.

6. Hear update, discuss, and take action on planning a personal finance and nutrition class for youth.

Dr. Liuzzo discussed plans for the personal finance class that will be offered to young adults at C.A.R.E. Partnership, Friday, April 24th at 5pm. Pizza and dancing will also be offered to the youth attending. Dr. Liuzzo

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is providing the financial resources for this event. Primerica has expressed interest in underwriting an event. Ms. Heap will follow up with Primerica to see if they would like to be involved.

Ms. Frias-Long will reach out to Bev Tittle-Baker at C.A.R.E. Partnership to plan the nutrition class for youth.

7. Hear update, discuss, and take action on Diversity education, information and building a working relationship with schools in Mesa.

Ms. Mangan was invited by Mr. Moon to speak on this topic. She suggested the first step is to find a contact at each junior high and high school that would be willing to implement diversity programs to utilize resources like the Cinema Series. Ms. Mangan and Ms. Frias-Long suggested that Skyline High School may be the best school to start with. Ms. Mangan will reach out to her contacts at Skyline and other schools to see if interest is there. Ms. Mangan will then follow with Mr. Moon and Ms. Heap to provide him with her findings.

Ms. Heap asked if the Cinema Series could be offered at an additional high school. Ms. Alicoate said this would be an option if there was a committed staff person at the school.

Ms. Alicoate discussed the need to reapply for the Cinema Series program and staff resource that will be available to assist in the way that has been completed in the past.

8. Hear update, discuss, and take action on MLK Committee's Youth Leadership Development Conference.

Mr. Moon was not present to speak about the MLK Committee. No further discussion took place.

9. Discuss future agenda items, meeting dates, announcements, other housekeeping.

Ms. Heap mentioned the town hall taking place March 24th and the need to promote the event in order to get people to attend. Ms. Heap also mentioned the Pride Festival on April 12th and invited Ms. Mangan to bring her students. In return, Ms. Mangan invited the subcommittee to attend the Scottsdale Community College Genocide Awareness week beginning April 13th.

- Next YDET meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21th, 2015 at 5pm.

10. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.

Submitted By:



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