

City of Mesa
Human Services Board
Housing Advisory Board
Special Joint Meeting
Mesa City Council Chambers, Lower Level
57 East 1st Street
April 23, 2009
5:30PM
-Meeting Minutes-

Housing Advisory Board Members

Ms. Diana Yazzie Devine (absent)
Mr. Christian Karas
Ms. Siri Amrit Kaur Khalsa
Mr. Conrad Morin (absent)
Mr. David Ricks (absent)
Mr. Marv Turley
Mr. Steve Schild (absent)
Mr. Jon Scott Williams

Human Services Board

Mr. John Guttierrez
Mr. Douglas Gerlach (absent)
Mr. Raymond Jones
Ms. Kimberly Nuzman (absent)
Ms. Rhonda Oliver (absent)
Mr. Michael Petramalo
Ms. Linda Starr (absent)
Ms. Sophia Tesch

Staff

Ms. Carolyn Olson
Ms. Mary Brandon (absent)
Mr. Scott Clapp
Ms. Lisa Wilson

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chair of the Human Services Board, Mr. Raymond Jones welcomed Board members and convened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

II. Comments from Citizens Present

No items from Citizens.

III. Action Items

- a.* Discuss and Take Action on merger of the Human Services and Housing Advisory Boards
Mr. Scott Clapp reviewed the proposed action item for the Human Services and Housing Advisory Board members to vote and make a motion on whether to go forward on the merging of the Human Services Advisory Board and the Housing Advisory Board. If the board members vote to move forward on the possibility to merge boards, no work will begin tonight.

Scott opened for any questions the board members may have.

- Human Services Board includes 8 members at this time.
- The Human Services and Housing Advisory Boards were one about 6 years ago. Linda Starr and Raymond Jones were on that combined board.
- What is the purpose of the Human Services Board? The board reviews the applications for the CDBG funds and make a recommendation to the Council on who should be funded. The board visits the proposed agencies yearly.

City of Mesa general funds, ABC funds and Federal funds for shelters are what agencies apply for.

- It was asked if Council listens to the recommendations from the board. The Human Services Board feels that the Council does listen and seem to be concerned on how the money will be spent.
- There was concern from a member of the Housing Advisory Board, if with the charter and focus of the Housing Advisory Board is if it relates with Human Services Board. Is there crossover with the 2 boards?
- It was noted from a member of the Human Services Board that the two boards could focus on neighborhoods including housing and any human service needs. To engage the community and neighborhoods.
- Raymond mentioned that when he was on the combined board it feasible to take care of the needs of housing and human services. It was decided to split the boards when the focus was on the housing master plan. He felt it was beneficial at the time.
- Board member from the housing advisory board does favor merging because the human services works with the monetary part of the agencies to help with the housing issues.
- It was asked to the staff if they felt it would be an increase benefit or negative. Lisa noted that it lies on the interest of board members for each board focus. Scott mentioned that there might be a decrease of board members if the 2 boards merged.
- Could there be a task force to help with the NSP funds? Possibly
- What is the focus on Housing Advisory Board? The council asks the board to think about neighborhoods, redevelopments, light rail alignment, section 8 regulations and other such issues. At this time there is no money to go with the ideas. Developed sub-standard housing.

Lisa suggests that maybe we should hold joint meetings with a consultant to review the points and options of merging the boards. Staff has no preference on the merge.

Housing Board - Jon Scott Williams made a motion to merge the boards, Christian Karas seconded the motion.

Human Services Board – Raymond Jones made a motion to merge the boards, Michael Petramalo seconded the motion.

There is a concern if the focus and mandates of each board not get lost with merged board.

It was decided to meet as a joint board meeting to review more on the merge. 1st Thursday of the month at 6:00p.m., works well for the board members, possibly June 4th.

IV. ADJOURN

With no other agenda items to be discussed, Chair Raymond Jones adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Approved and respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wilson, Human Services Advisory Board Secretary

October 1, 2009

Jon Scott Williams, Chair of the Housing Advisory Board

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