

## MESA HOUSING SERVICES GOVERNING BOARD

September 3, 2015

The Mesa Housing Services Governing Board of the City of Mesa met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on September 3, 2015 at 7:31 a.m.

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT	BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF PRESENT
John Giles, Chairman Alex Finter Christopher Glover Dennis Kavanaugh David Luna Dave Richins Kevin Thompson Kenneth Dennis	None	Christopher Brady Jim Smith Dee Ann Mickelsen

1. Items from citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

2. Approval of minutes of a previous meeting as written.

It was moved by Boardmember Kavanaugh, seconded by Boardmember Glover, that the minutes from the May 21, 2015 Mesa Housing Services Governing Board meeting be approved.

Carried unanimously.

3. Take action on the following resolution:

- 3-a. Adopting a resolution approving and authorizing the Chairman of the Mesa Housing Services Governing Board, or his designated representative, to enter into Intergovernmental Agreements for the Housing Choice Voucher Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing Program (VASH) with each of the following governmental entities or their respective Public Housing Authorities: City of Tempe, Pinal County, and Maricopa County.

Housing and Community Development Director Liz Morales congratulated Council on the recent visit from Senator John McCain and for continuing to house America's heroes under the VASH program vouchers. She requested that Council adopt a resolution to enter into Intergovernmental Agreements that would allow Mesa to operate in neighboring jurisdictions.

She added that the City of Tempe was an important area to the Veterans Administration (VA) of Phoenix for housing veterans.

Mayor Giles thanked Ms. Morales and agreed that the event with Senator McCain was great. He thanked Councilmembers Thompson and Glover for chairing the commission for housing homeless veterans. He announced that Mesa has successfully placed a homeless veteran into housing and hoped it was the first of many.

In response to a question from Boardmember Richins, Ms. Morales confirmed that the resources are for the homeless veterans of Mesa. She added that the VASH program authorizes veterans to move into other jurisdictions, however, intergovernmental agreements would be necessary due to the fact that Phoenix and Mesa were the only two cities in Maricopa County that have been assigned VASH vouchers.

Mayor Giles pointed out that Mesa has a surplus of VASH vouchers and indicated his support in sharing those with neighboring jurisdictions.

Ms. Morales mentioned that it would be beneficial to broaden the scope of landlords to ensure an adequate supply of housing for veterans.

It was moved by Boardmember Luna, seconded by Boardmember Glover, that Mesa Housing Services Governing Board (HGB) Resolution No. 15-3 be adopted.

Carried unanimously.

4. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Mesa Housing Services Governing Board meeting adjourned at 7:36 a.m.

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JOHN GILES, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Mesa Housing Services Governing Board meeting of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK