

Meeting Minutes

The Housing and Community Development Advisory Board (HCDAB) of the City of Mesa met on March 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via a telephonic conferencing platform, with some staff attending telephonically/via Zoom and some staff attending at the Community Services office, 200 S. Center St., Building 1, Mesa, AZ 85210.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>	<u>GUEST</u>
Johanna Richards – Chair Mara Benson – Vice-Chair Susan Brenton Chad Cluff Kevin Humphrey Nicolle Karantinos Monique Kennedy Mark Powell Shelley Reimann	Derek Brosemann – Excused	Michelle Albanese (via Zoom) Constance Bachman (via Zoom) Mary Brandon (via Zoom) Emily Greco Jessica Morales Aaron Raine (via Zoom)	

I. Chair’s Call to Order

Johanna Richards called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- A. Resignation of Isarae Koval (*Community Rep*) – Johanna Richards recognized Isarae Koval for her time on the Board.

II. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Shelly Reimann, seconded by Susan Brenton to approve the HCDAB minutes from the February 1, 2020 meeting.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Benson-Brenton-Cluff-Humphrey-Karantinos-Kennedy-Powell-Richards-Reimann
NAYS – None

It was moved by Joanna Richards, seconded by Shelly Reimann approve the HCDAB minutes from the February 2, 2020 meeting.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Benson-Brenton-Cluff-Humphrey-Karantinos-Kennedy-Powell-Richards-Reimann
NAYS – None

III. Items from Citizens Present

There were no items presented.

IV. Discussion and Action Items

- A. **Community Court Program** – Detective Aaron Raine (Homeless Resource Coordinator) presented an overview of the Community Court Program. (See Attachment A)

- B. Operation Off the Streets** – Detective Aaron Raine (Homeless Resource Coordinator) presented an overview of the Operation Off the Streets program. (See Attachment B)
- C. COVID-19 Relief Funding** – Housing and Community Development Deputy Director Mary Brandon presented highlights and updates on the 2021 Emergency Rental/Utility Assistance Program. (See Attachment C)

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

- A. Community and Cultural Development (CCD) Meeting**
Thursday, March 11th at 8:00 am or immediately following Council Study Session
- B. City Council Study Session**
Thursday, March 25th at 7:30 am
- C. Next HCDAB Meeting – April 1, 2021**
- D. City Council Meeting (Consent)**
Monday, April 5th at 5:30 pm

VI. Adjourn the meeting

It was moved by Shelley Reimann, seconded by Susan Brenton, to adjourn the meeting.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Benson-Brenton-Cluff-Humphreys-Karantinos-Kennedy-Powell-Reimann-Richards
Nays – None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.


Submitted by Emily Greco, Senior Program Assistant

Community Court

DETECTIVE AARON RAINE

CITY OF MESA HOMELESS RESOURCE
COORDINATOR



What is Community Court?



Person centric not crime centric



Focused on meeting the needs of our community members that are vulnerable



How is it different from other courts

How does the process work?

A restructuring of police procedures and policy on dealing with persons in need

Front line officers recognizing a person is better suited for services instead of incarceration

Initial appearance unlike any other court they have ever been to

The court team

Expectations

Results

- Court Started on July 2nd 2018
- Over 600 persons referred to the court by street officers
- 08/01/18-08/01/19 119 participants graduated from Community Court
- 1536
- 6700
- 19

Questions?



Operation Off the Streets

DETECTIVE AARON RAINE

CITY OF MESA HOMELESS RESOURCE COORDINATOR

What is Operation Off the Streets?

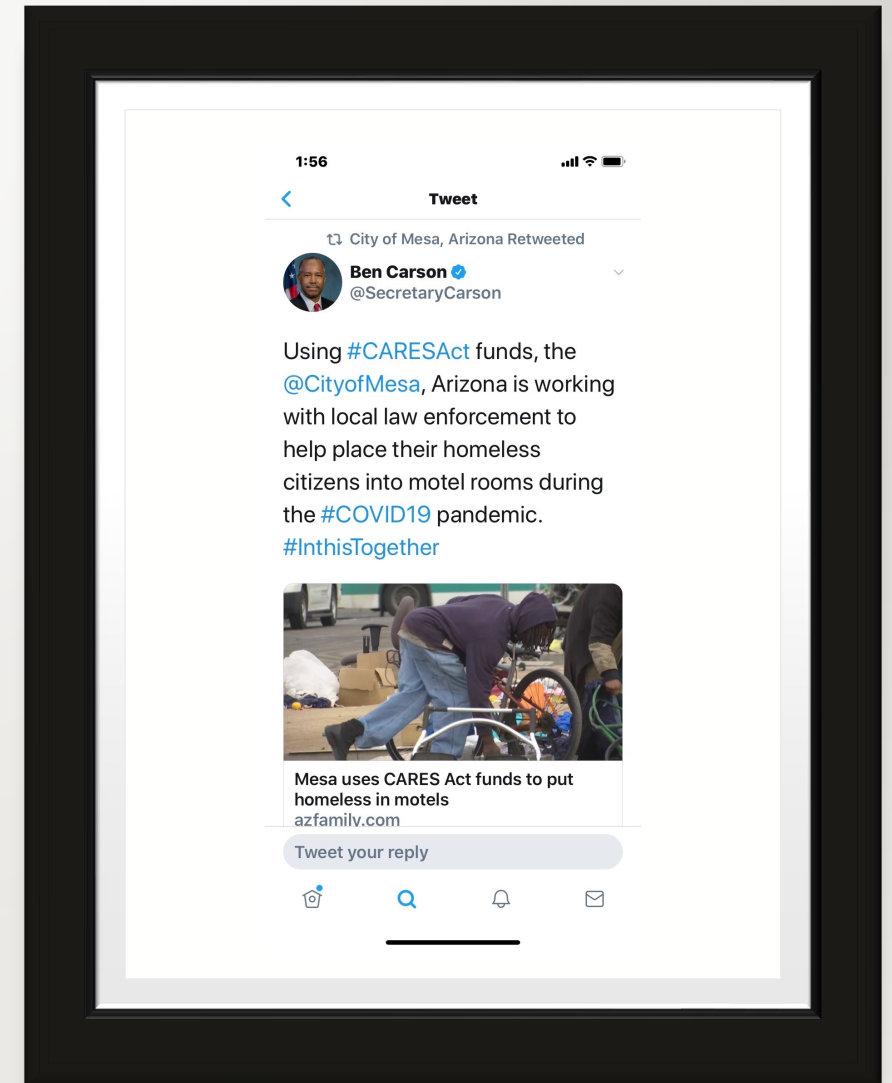


History

- Off the streets morphed from the Operation Main Line operations that the Mesa Police Department started back in 2018 with a new model of Outreach, Educate and Enforcement
- Due to COVID the city wanted a way to get a high-risk population off the street
- Started May 2020
- New feature was motel room use

How it worked

- Partnerships were made for housing and case management
- Officers contacted persons experiencing homelessness to offer service connection, educate them or enforce or a combination based on observed behavior.
- CBI Teams would respond and transport persons to motel.
- Involve other departments and partners



How it works now

- Officers contact persons in need and refer them to Paz De Cristo or in high needs situations contact me for other possible options.
- Mon-Fri Noon-7:00PM CBI has a navigator to connect them to motel or other shelter or housing options.
- This improved screening process has yielded better outcomes and more persons exiting homelessness
- Has evolved into the Mesa Way of reducing homelessness and is just the way our departments and partners do business on a day-to-day basis

Results

- May 2020 to December 31
- 4900+ Persons experiencing homelessness contacted and offered services by PD
- Over 2000 were a combination of services and community court referral
- 600 had behavior so egregious that a judicial solution was the only referral
- 434 immediately accepted services and were housed temporarily in the motel
- 188 of the 434 including 48 children transitioned out of the motel to a sustainable and stable housing environment.
- Results were sufficient for the City of Mesa to continue the program through 2021

Questions?

2021 Emergency Rental/Utility Assistance Program

MARY BRANDON, COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPUTY DIRECTOR



2021 Emergency Rental/Utility Assistance Program

\$15.7 million funded by the U.S. Treasury, Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021

- \$14.1 million (90%) to Mesa residents who are financially impacted by COVID to prevent eviction and homelessness
- 10% for program administration



Who Qualifies?



Mesa Resident



COVID Impact



Income Eligible

Priority for Assistance

Total Gross Household
Income is at or below
50% Area Median
Income

OR

Any Adult Household
Member unemployed
for the last 90 days or
longer due to COVID

How can Mesa residents apply?

www.MesaAz.gov/MesaCares

Online



- Apply online with home computer, phone, or tablet

No home device



- Visit MesaCAN's computer lab to apply online

Need Assistance



- Visit MesaCAN for assistance to apply online or pick up a paper application

Marketing

How we are
informing
Mesa Residents



Rent and Utility Assistance Process

Mesa
Resident
applies

Application
reviewed
for
eligibility

Payment
made to
Landlord
and/or
Utility
Provider

Apply at www.MesaAz.gov/MesaCares

For questions call (480) 644-5440 or email ERAPinfo@MesaAz.gov



QUESTIONS

2021 Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance Program