
**CITY OF MESA
HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)
October 23, 2019 Minutes**

The Human Relations Advisory Board (HRAB) of the City of Mesa met on October 23, 2019 at 6:00pm in the Lower Level Council Chambers 57 E 1st St Mesa AZ 85201.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Colleen Byron, Chair
Alane Breland
Tom Brennan
Joseph Holmes
Nadia Khalighi
Bill McAllister
Jared Smith
Ron Williams, Vice-Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT

Amy-Lyn Faatoafe
Alvaro Gonzolez
Lou Wade

STAFF PRESENT

Andrea Alicoate
Cisco Luzania

GUESTS

Rory Gilbert

1. Chair's Call to Order.

Dr. Byron, called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

(1a) Introduction of new HRAB member, Tom Brennan.

(1b) Announcement of excused absences

Ms. Alicoate announced that Ms. Faatoafe was an excused absence.

2. Items from Citizens Present.

There were no citizens present who wished to speak to the Board.

3. Approval of minutes from the Sep. 25, 2019 HRAB meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. McAllister that the above-mentioned minutes be accepted as written.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES- Dr. Byron, Ms. Breland, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Holmes, Ms. Khalighi, Mr. McAllister, Mr. Smith, Mr. Williams

NAYS- None

4. Discuss and make recommendations on Mesa Police Department monthly report.

(4a) Update on police community forums and other community engagement initiatives.

(4b) Reporting and statistics of police cases and trends within the community as it relates to diversity.

Ms. Alicoate informed the Board that representatives from Mesa Police Department were unable to attend the meeting but had provided a list of upcoming community events and meetings. Ms. Alicoate distributed the information and invited the Board to attend the 1st Annual Community Building Fundraiser Breakfast.

5. Hear a presentation and discuss the WPC21Mesa conference.

Ms. Rory Gilbert informed the Board of the WPC21Mesa conference that will be held at the Mesa Convention Center on April 1-4, 2020 by The Privilege Institute. WPC is a conference that is open to everyone and invites diverse perspectives. The conference is unique in its ability to bring together students, youth, teachers, university faculty, social workers and counselors, healthcare workers, and members of both the spiritual community and corporate arena. Ms. Gilbert made an invitation to members of the Board to attend the WPC21 conference next April and that registration will open on MLK Day. Members of the Board asked questions related to the event logistics and tracks. Ms. Gilbert provided additional information on the youth components and other conference highlights.

6. Discuss and provide direction on building awareness of current efforts in the community to provide support for migrant issues in Mesa.

This item was tabled for discussion until the next board meeting.

7. Discuss and provide direction on the planning and implementation of the Women's Empowerment Summit.

Dr. Byron reported that she has begun to contact potential speakers for the conference. Dr. Byron will work with City staff to arrange other logistics.

8. Discuss and provide direction on the planning and implementation of the Youth Peace Building Summit and other diversity educational activities for youth.

Ms. Khalighi reported that she had spoken with Benedictine University at Mesa and they informed her that the date of Saturday, February 1st was available for hosting the summit. Ms. Khalighi had also spoken with Colby Jeffers and Cam F. Awesome as potential speakers for the Youth Peace Building Summit.

9. Discuss and provide direction on HRAB community forums to engage the public.

Mr. Williams suggested the Board host multiple community forums to engage the public. Mr. Brennan offered Skyline High School as a potential site as such forum. Ms. Alicoate reminded the Board that they can consider utilizing the Diversity Office's ITVS Pop-Up Film Series as potential dates and avenues to use for engaging with the public.

10. Scheduling of meetings, future agenda items, and general information.

- (10a) Next HRAB meeting will be held on December 4, 2019 at 6pm in the Upper Level City Council Chambers (57 E 1st St).

- (10b) HRAB presentation at Council Study Session will be held on December 2, 2019 at 5pm in the Lower Level City Council Chambers (57 E 1st St).

Ms. Alicoate informed that the Chair and Vice-Chair will be presenting on behalf of the Board, but all members are invited to attend the presentation.

11. Hear reports on conferences and/or meetings attended.

Mr. Holmes reported that he had attended the City of Mesa Domestic Violence Awareness Night event.

12. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

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