



**CITY OF MESA
HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)
September 22, 2021 Minutes**

The Human Relations Advisory Board (HRAB) of the City of Mesa met on September 22, 2021 at 6:00pm via ZOOM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ron Williams- Chair
Tom Brennan
William Campos
Margaret Duarte
Amy-Lyn Faatoafe
Joseph Holmes
Christiana Hammond
Bill McAllister
Yudit Nonthe Sanchez
Jared Smith – Vice Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Andrea Alicoate
Ed Jones

GUESTS

Robert Forrest
Jessica Parks
Rin Thomas

1. Chair's Call to Order.

Mr. Williams, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

(1a) Announcement of excused absences.

There were no reported excused absences.

2. Items from Citizens Present.

No citizens wished to speak to the board.

3. Approval of minutes from the August 25, 2021 HRAB meeting.

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

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES- Mr. Williams, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Campos, Ms. Duarte, Ms. Faatoafe, Mr. Holmes, Ms. Hammond, Mr. McAllister, Ms. Nonthe Sanchez and Mr. Smith.

NAYS- None

4. Hear and discuss presentation from the City's Transit Department and Valley Metro regarding 'Title VI Program Updates' related to transit services.

Ed Jones, City's Transit Services Coordinator, introduced Robert Forrest from Valley Metro. Mr. Forrest spoke to Valley Metro's Title VI program updates, as required to be reviewed and updated every three years. Such program elements include Title VI notice to the public and seating at

facilities, which had no changes: and minor updates to complaint form and procedures, demographic data, service and/or fare change analyses and system-wide service standards and policies. Mr. Forrest also detailed areas with significant updates such as the Public Participation plan, Language Assistance Plan, Major Service Change Policy and Fare Equity Policy and reviewed the specifics of those changes. Board members asked questions related to the equity of Transit services, and Mr. Forrest responded.

The approval process for the changes have been reviewed by Regional Transit Advisory Group and by the Rail Management Committee and Transit Management Committee, next it will seek Valley Metro Board action on September 30th. Mr. Williams thanked Mr. Jones and Mr. Forrest for their work supporting Transit services in Mesa.

5. Hear and discuss a presentation on Climate Action ‘Footprint for the Future’ community engagement.

Ms. Alicoate explained that Mesa’s Climate Action Plan is the City’s commitment to proactively and responsibly protect and conserve Mesa’s environment and natural resources. Input is needed to help guide the next update of the plan related to community action and priorities. Workshops will include a brief overview of the Climate Action Plan and its goals, learn from topic experts based on the focus areas and open discussion to share community ideas and needs. Board members are invited to participate in the virtual lunchtime series on Wednesdays from 12-1pm from October 13th through November 17th.

6. Hear and discuss an update on the Board’s Community Learning Series.

Ms. Alicoate reminded the Board of the plans to create a series of 8-15minute episode filmed documentary style showcasing various community groups and their perspectives in Mesa. The Board members provided Ms. Alicoate some suggestions and direction via email and Ms. Alicoate will be following up with those members to coordinate further.

7. Hear, discuss and take action on the HRAB 2021-2023 Strategic Plan.

Ms. Alicoate provided the Board with a draft Strategic Plan and reviewed the updates based on information board members supplied via email.

It was moved by Mr. McAllister, seconded by Mr. Holmes to approve the HRAB 2021-2023 Strategic Plan.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES- Mr. Williams, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Campos, Ms. Duarte, Ms. Faatoafe, Mr. Holmes, Ms. Hammond, Mr. McAllister, Ms. Nonthe Sanchez and Mr. Smith.

NAYS- None

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

(8a) Next HRAB meeting will be held on October 27, 2021 at 6pm via ZOOM to be later announced.

Mr. Williams announced the following events:

- Announcement of 'I Love Mesa' Day on Saturday, September 25th from 8am-10pm.
- Announcement of One Community's 2021 Spotlight on Success Local Heroes Awards- Mayor Giles Unity Agent honoree on Friday, October 1st.
- Announcement of Celebrate Mesa Fall Festival on Saturday, October 16th from 5-9pm at Red Mountain Soccer Complex.
- Announcement of Dia de Los Muertos annual celebration on October 23rd & 24th at the Mesa Arts Center

Ms. Faatoafe shared that she attended a 6th annual law enforcement event, Mr. McAllister spoke to the Community Center Campus at Paz de Cristo. Mr. Smith reported on the Mesa Public Schools Equity Advisory Council meeting that he attended on Tuesday, September 21st. Mr. Williams advised the board of the Bridge Forum Next Generation to be held on Monday, September 27th from 8-10am via livestreaming at herozona.org.

9. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13PM

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Submitted By:



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