

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DRUG REHAB RECOVERY HOMES

Minutes of the Meeting
Wednesday, September 16, 2015
10:00 a.m., Senate Hearing Room 109

Members Present:

Senator Nancy Barto
Senator David Bradley
Senator Steve Pierce
Albert Black
David de la Torre
Laura Hartgroves
Karen Hellman
Emily Jenkins
Thomas Litwicki

Representative Noel Campbell, Chairman
Representative Karen Fann
Representative Eric Meyer
Heidi Skelley
Dale Wiebusch
Alison Zelms

Members Absent:

Penny Free
Sharon Unterreiner

Jim Wallin
Kathy Waters

Staff:

Ingrid Garvey, House Research Analyst
Brandi Lease, Senate Research Assistant Analyst

Chairman Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and attendance was taken.

Introduction of Committee Members

Chairman Campbell requested that the members of the Committee introduce themselves.

Review of Committee Charge

Ingrid Garvey, House Research Analyst, gave an overview of the Drug Rehab Recovery Homes Committee charge.

Opening Statement

Representative Campbell made opening remarks.

PRESENTATIONS

Overview – Drug Rehab Recovery Homes

Alison Zelms, Deputy City Manager, City of Prescott, distributed a handout entitled “Substance Abuse Treatment Centers, Community Residences and Related Enforcement Activities in the City of Prescott” (Attachment A) and gave a Powerpoint presentation. Ms. Zelms answered questions posed by the Committee.

David de la Torre, City of Chandler, distributed a handout entitled “City of Chandler Group Homes Zoning Code Amendment” (Attachment B) and gave a Powerpoint presentation. Mr. de la Torre answered questions posed by the Committee.

Representative Campbell introduced Prescott Mayor-elect Harry Oberg, to address the Committee.

Public Testimony

Harry Oberg, Prescott Mayor-elect, representing himself, testified on the Drug Rehab Recovery Homes.

Gonzalo Ardavin, Founder/CEO, Carla Vista Sober Living, testified on the Drug Rehab Recovery Homes and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Marilyn Baldwin, representing herself, testified on the Drug Rehab Recovery Homes and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Steven Lessard, Arizona Supreme Court, Administration Office of the Court, testified on the Drug Rehab Recovery Homes and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mary Beth Hrin, representing herself, testified on the Drug Rehab Recovery Homes and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Anita Smith, representing herself, testified on the Drug Rehab Recovery Homes.

Rebecca Legate, representing herself, testified on the Drug Rehab Recovery Homes.

Committee Discussion

Senator Pierce stated that there is a problem in Prescott and in Chandler in the Drug Rehab Recovery Homes not being regulated and not being licensed.

Closing Remarks

Representative Campbell made closing remarks.

Announcements

Representative Campbell announced the next scheduled meeting would be October 22, 2015.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on the agenda items (Attachment C).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toy Brown
Committee Secretary

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