



Department of Community + Human Development

CITY OF EL PASO FAIR HOUSING TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, January 14, 2020

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1. A meeting of the Fair Housing Task Force was held at City Hall Main Room, 300 N. Campbell and was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Kimberly Cook-McDaniel, Committee Chair.

Regular Board Member	Present	Absent	Excused	Not Excused
Mauricio Felix	X			
Anibal Olague		X	✓	
Jonathan Macias	X			
Miguel Hernandez	X			
Rosa I. Estrada	X			
Kimberly Cook-McDaniel	X			
Bill Schlesinger	X			
Alternate Board Member				
Christine Gallegos		X		✓
Daniel Hernandez	X			
Marc A. Salazar		X		✓
Robert Fernandez	X			
Luis Yañez		X		✓

City staff present: Abraham Gutierrez; Mark Weber; Nicholas Muñoz; Clarissa Cervantes; Cindy Mam; Sarah Ortiz

Public present: List of attendees available upon request.



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2. Discussion and Action on the Request to Excuse Absent Members

Absent Members: Anibal Olague

Members with prior notification: Anibal Olague

Motion by Miguel Hernandez and seconded by Daniel Hernandez to excuse absent members with prior notification.

Ayes: Mauricio Felix, Jonathan Macias, Rosa I. Estrada, Bill Schlesinger, Robert Fernandez

Nays: None.

3. Approval of Minutes from November 12, 2019 Meeting

Motion by Bill Schlesinger and seconded by Miguel Hernandez to approve minutes.

Ayes: Mauricio Felix, Jonathan Macias, Rosa I. Estrada, Daniel Hernandez, Robert Fernandez

Nays: None.

4. Discuss status updates from each of the following subcommittees:

- a. **Funding + Deployment – fair housing practices and financial vehicles**
Mark Weber: Presents Housing Working Groups Slide ↓

Planning + Land Development	Funding + Capital Resources	Housing Programs + Education	Fair Housing + Social Justice
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Public landInfill PlanningZoningTransportationAccess to servicesHistoric preservationEnvironment/Adaptation Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Housing Trust FundNew Market Tax Credits/LIHTCProject Based VouchersCDBGHOMEJoint tax abatementTIRZPhilanthropic Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">FTHBRehabMinorDown paymentHomeless PreventionFinancial counselingHousing stabilityLead abatement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Immigrant population and mixed statusTenant rightsProtection for the disabledGentrification and displacement



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HOUSING PLAN WORKING GROUPS

The bulk of the work and engagement for the plan will occur in the housing plan working groups. The working groups will be overseen by the task force. Each will be chaired by a task force member.

Second Housing Plan orientation will be on January 23, 2020.

Recommendations for Joint Task Force appointees to City Council on March 3, 2020. If anyone would like to serve on the official joint housing task force, they are required to attend one of the orientations. The orientation lays out the goals and suggested policies for folks to fully understand the work that they are going to engage in.

Comments by Jonathan Macias:

“Lack of opportunity zones as a listed item relating to the housing plan working groups presentation slide. Is there a concentric planning of where the low income or urban areas are, that can spur growth and provide investors with those capital gains, forgiveness programs for up to that ten year period?”

Pending research by City Staff.

b. **Planning + Development – built environment concerns**

Nick Muñiz: Low Income Housing Tax Credit proposals for tier 1 and 2 are on going through February 18, 2020.

c. **Financial Capability – financial stability and access to housing**

Abraham Gutierrez: There are no updates at this time.

Bill Schlesinger: February 26, 2020 is a projected date for a CRA Round table. This is planned to involve banking representatives from the El Paso area. There will be an invitation going out to selected public and private entities to join them to review where the gaps are and what are best practice programs to address these gaps in the El Paso region for economic stabilization. It is being put together under the Federal Reserve Bank.

d. **AI/Consolidated Plan – plan of action for development of studies**

Sarah Ortiz: We have brought an Intern on board with us to assist in preparing the AI/Consolidated Plan.

e. **Outreach + Promotion – strategies to promote fair housing**

Cindy Mam.



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Abraham Gutierrez: We are working with Mrs. Veronica Carbajal from the Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid, to come in and present on the work they are doing, as well as the challenges they are facing. A date has not been confirmed.

Comments by Jonathan Macias:

Prepare on the front end for 2020 key milestones regarding outreach/promotion plans via social media in terms of our committee, TRLA and other entities' initiatives.

5. Public Comment

No Public Comment.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Mauricio Felix and seconded by Miguel Hernandez to adjourn meeting.

Ayes: Jonathan Macias, Rosa I. Estrada, Bill Schlesinger, Daniel Hernandez, Robert Fernandez

Nays: None.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Prepared by: Clarissa Cervantes