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CITY OF EL PASO**FAIR HOUSING TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, March 11, 2021

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TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF OPEN MEETINGS LAWS DUE TO EMERGENCY

The Texas Governor temporarily suspended specific provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act to allow telephonic or video conference meetings and to avoid congregate settings in physical locations

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Fair Housing Task Force will be conducted:

1. Call to order

A meeting of the Fair Housing Task Force was held virtually on Microsoft Teams +1 915-213-4096 United States, El Paso (Toll) Conference ID: 928 031 609# and was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chair, Kimberly Cook-McDaniel.

2. Discussion and action on the request to excuse absent members

Motion by Chair, Kimberly Cook-McDaniel was called to move roll call to the end of the agenda; second by Marcella Carrillo.

Approved unanimously

3. Approval of minutes from February 09, 2021 meeting

Motion by Chair, Kimberly Cook-McDaniel was called to approve the minutes from February 09, 2021; second by Marcella Carrillo, one abstaining, Miguel Hernandez

Approved unanimously

4. Presentation by Texas Workforce Commission regarding Fair Housing Act exemptions

Presentation was conducted by Jeffrey Riddle, Outreach and Civil Rights Division.

Mark Weber spoke that this was a follow up item in regards to the exemptions the COEP Fair Housing ordinance needing to be similar to the Federal Fair Housing Act.

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Jeffrey Riddle discussed:

- a. The protected classes are race, color, national origin, familial status, religion, sex and disability.
- b. The Fair Housing Act exemptions include single family house, Mrs. Murphy (owner occupied property), religious organization, private club and housing





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- for older persons
- c. Consequences of complaints

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Mark Weber discussed starting a marketing campaign to ensure it's not lack of understanding and reporting.

5. Public comment

Nick Muniz stated no members of the public signed up for public comment.

Chair, Kimberly Cook-McDaniel revisited item 2 of the agenda, discussion and action on the request to excuse absent members. Nick Muniz called roll call:

Regular Board Member	Present	Absent	Excused	Not Excused
Mauricio Felix		X	X	
Jonathan Macias	X			
Miguel Hernandez	X			
Rosa I. Estrada	X			
Kimberly Cook-McDaniel	X			
Bill Schlesinger	X			
Marcella Carrillo	X			
Andy Farias	X			
Alternate Board Member				
Christine Gallegos		X		
Mark A. Salazar		X		
Robert Fernandez		X		
Luis Yanez		X		

6. Adjourn

Motion by Chair, Kimberly Cook-McDaniel to adjourn at 7:33 p.m.; second by Andy Farias.

Approved unanimously

Prepared by Mark A Marquez

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