

MINUTES
FAIR HOUSING TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MEETING
8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
SEPTEMBER 4, 2012
3:30 P.M.

The Fair Housing Task Force Committee met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. Task Force Chair Ms. Taylor Moreno present and presiding and the following Committee Members answered roll call:

Members Present

Ms. Veronica Carbajal
Mr. Rafael Hernando III
Ms. Alma Miller
Mr. Jerry Romeo

Late Arrivals

Mr. Sergio Vásquez

Early Departures:

None

Ex-Office Members present

Bill Bennett
Raul Gonzalez

Staff Present

Bill Lilly, Director
Pat White, Housing Programs Division Manager
Rhoda Tillman, CDBTG Contract Administrator and Fair Housing Officer

Agenda

Discussion and Action on:

1. Approval of Steering Committee Minutes of August 7, 2012, as corrected – Taylor Moreno, Chairperson
2. Presentation of the Status of the Analysis of Type A Accessible Units - Survey Instrument, Roberto Tinajero, Assistant Director and Lisa M Tomaka, MS, MPA, Institute for Policy and Economic Development (IPED), The University of Texas at El Paso
3. Discussion of Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice -El Paso, www.elpasotexas.gov/commdev/, Determination of Task Force Process to Address Impediments to Fair Housing Choice
4. Discussion of Other Business items
5. Discussion and Approval of the Next Meeting Date

Item 1: Roll Call and Confirmation of a Quorum

A motion was made by Mr. Vasquez, seconded by Mr. Romero and unanimously passed to approve the minutes as corrected.

AYES: Ms. Carbajal. Mr. Hernando III. Ms. Miller. Jerry Romeo. Mr. Vasquez

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Item 2: Analysis of Type A Accessible Units -Survey Instrument Review

Presentation: Roberto Tinajero, Assistant Director

and

Lisa M Tomaka, MS, MPA

Institute for Policy and Economic Development

(IPED)

The University of Texas at El Paso

Several recommendations were made by members as to the content and format of the Survey document to be used to determine demand for Type A accessible rental units. The Chair noted she would forward recommendations she had received from Mr. Chew, Executive Director of Volar CIL.

IPED staff stated the survey would need to be ready for distribution by September 17th, with the due date of the Analysis being November 26, 2012. Task force members agreed that they wanted to view the final survey once all the recommendations were incorporated. To accomplish this, the revised survey will be emailed members who will respond with any additional recommendations no later than Friday, September 21, 2012.

Item 3: Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice -El Paso

www.elpasotexas.gov/commdev/, Determination of Task Force Process to Address Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

Task Force members determined that they will address (AI) goals and actions on an ongoing basis to make recommendations to mitigate, alleviate, drop or add impediments in furthering fair housing choice. The members will determine priorities of which impediments the task force will review. Impediments will be addressed by the whole task force and subcommittees will not be considered at this time.

Item 4: Other Business

Raul Gonzalez provided flyers announcing the State AI Focus Group meeting to be held at the Mission Valley Regional Command Center. Rhoda stated that once a date was determined she would email the information to everyone present.

Veronica Carbajal provided a summary scope of the Rio Grande Legal Aid (RGLA) application submitted for HUD funds to do fair housing testing. She

stated that Mr. Lilly and she are discussing funding options for providing fair housing testing.

Item 5: Discussion and Approval of the Next Meeting Date
The next meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2012.

Motion made by Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Vasquez and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Approved as to form:

Rhoda Tillman, Board Secretary