



COMMUNITY AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

CITY OF EL PASO FAIR HOUSING TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES September 11, 2018

1. A meeting of the Fair Housing Task Force was held at Thorman Conference Room, 801 Texas Ave., and was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Kimberly Cook-McDaniel, Chairperson.

Board Member	Present	Absent
Jonathan Macias	X	
Bill Coon	X	
Rosa Estrada	X	
Kimberly Cook-McDaniel	X	
Bill Schlesinger	X	
Larry Garcia	X	
Sergio Vasquez	X	

City staff present: Art Rubio, Omar De La Rosa, Jo Ann Vera, Nicole Ferrini and Sandra Pellegrini.

Public present: List of attendees available upon request.

Item #2 on the agenda was moved to be discussed later at this meeting.

2. AI review and plan of action – Sandra Pellegrini, Fair Housing Officer

Task Force members were presented with an overview of the history of past AIs and planning for the 2020 Analysis of Impediments. Members of the Task Force discussed past and current impediments, options to address current impediments and steps to be taken to establish an effective plan of action to address fair housing issues in El Paso.

3. Legal introduction and overview of committee enabling documents (previously item #2 on the Agenda) – Omar De La Rosa, Assistant City Attorney

Mr. De La Rosa presented to the committee an overview of the Fair Housing Task Force ordinance, amended and adopted as of May 1, 2018 and reviewed the duties of the Task Force and changes made to the ordinance. Mr. De La Rosa recommended to the Task Force the adoption of bylaws to conduct their meetings.

4. Discussion and action on establishing a meeting schedule

Task Force members agreed to meet once a month, a meeting calendar will be distributed among members at the next meeting.

Motion made by Bill Coon and seconded by Sergio Vasquez to meet once a month.

Ayes: Jonathan Macias, Bill Coon, Rosa Estrada, Kimberly Cook-McDaniel, Bill Schlesinger, Larry Garcia and Sergio Vasquez.

Nays: None.

5. Discussion and action on establishing a policy to define excused absences

Motion made by Sergio Vasquez and seconded by Bill Coon to continue discussion of this item at the next meeting.

Ayes: Jonathan Macias, Bill Coon, Rosa Estrada, Kimberly Cook-McDaniel, Bill Schlesinger, Larry Garcia and Sergio Vasquez.

Nays: None.

6. Discussion on Fair Housing Task Force Absences

Motion made by Sergio Vasquez and seconded by Bill Coon to continue discussion of this item at the next meeting.

Ayes: Jonathan Macias, Bill Coon, Rosa Estrada, Kimberly Cook-McDaniel, Bill Schlesinger, Larry Garcia and Sergio Vasquez.

Nays: None.

7. Review and Approval of Minutes August 14, 2018.

Motion made by Bill Coon and seconded by Larry Garcia to approve the August 14, 2018 minutes as is.

Ayes: Jonathan Macias, Bill Coon, Rosa Estrada, Kimberly Cook-McDaniel, Bill Schlesinger, Larry Garcia and Sergio Vasquez.

Nays: None.

8. Update on Fair Housing Education and Outreach Activities – Project Vida

Irma Avila from Project Vida provided Task Force members with an update on public outreach and fair housing education activities carried up to date by the agency. Committee members discussed different options to promote Fair Housing among the community, including social media, PSAs, Web, etc.

9. Public Comment

No public comment was received at this meeting.

10. Meeting was adjourned at 5:14 pm.

Prepared by: Sandra Pellegrini