



COMMUNITY AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

CITY OF EL PASO FAIR HOUSING TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES January 16, 2018

1. A meeting of the Fair Housing Task Force Committee was held at Park O'Rourke Recreation Center Conference Room and was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Christine Gallegos, Chairperson.

Board Member	Present	Absent
Christine Gallegos	X	
Arlene Alarcon		X
Adam Gurrola	X	
Marc A. Salazar	X	
Rosa I. Estrada	X	
Kimberly Cook-McDaniel		X
Bill Schlesinger	X	
Todd Miller		X
Sergio Vasquez	X	

City staff present: Art Rubio, Karla Nieman and Sandra Pellegrini.

Public present: List of attendees available upon request.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes dated October 10, 2017. Committee members were asked if there were any questions or revisions.

Motion made by Bill Schlesinger and seconded by Adam Gurrola to accept the October, 2017 minutes as is.

Ayes: Christine Gallegos, Adam Gurrola, Marc Salazar, Rosa Estrada, and Bill Schlesinger.

Nays: None

3. Update on 2017-2018 Fair Housing Outreach and Education Service Provider: Project Vida.

Committee members were provided information on status and introduced to staff assigned to oversee Fair Housing activities: Project Vida Housing Coordinator Irma Avila.

**Mr. Bill Schlesinger excused himself from this discussion.
No action taken.**

4. Discussion on Fair Housing Month (April 2018) and Fair Housing Proclamation.

Committee members were informed that a proclamation will be presented to City Council in celebration of the National Fair Housing month and to recognize the service provided by the Fair Housing Committee members. Draft will be presented to committee members for review and recommendations

No action taken

5. Discussion and action on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity as protected classes in El Paso, Texas.

Committee members discussed that Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity are not currently mentioned in the City of El Paso Fair Housing Ordinance as protected classes and voted to add both to the Fair Housing Ordinance.

Motion made by Bill Schlesinger and seconded by Adam Gurrola to add Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity as protected classes to the City of El Paso Fair Housing Ordinance.

Ayes: Christine Gallegos, Adam Gurrola, Marc Salazar, Rosa Estrada, Bill Schlesinger and Sergio Vasquez.

Nays: None

6. Update on proposed changes to the Fair Housing Task Force ordinance (Ord. 013629)

City staff and committee members discussed changes made to the last ordinance draft and reason why such recommendations are being made. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

No action taken

7. Public Comment

No public comment was received

8. Discussion and approval of the Next Meeting Date.

Motion made by Sergio Vasquez and seconded by Marc Salazar to set up the next meeting date for February 20, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Ayes: Christine Gallegos, Adam Gurrola, Marc Salazar, Rosa Estrada, Bill Schlesinger and Sergio Vasquez.

Nays: None.

9. Meeting was adjourn at 4:20 pm.

Prepared by: Sandra Pellegrini