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CITY OF EL PASO
FAIR HOUSING TASK FORCE MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, October 8, 2019

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 6:04 p.m. by Bill Schlesinger, Committee Vice-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		✓
Marc A. Salazar		X		✓
Robert Fernandez		X	✓	
Luis Yañez		X		✓

City staff present: Nicole Ferrini; Abraham Gutierrez; Mark Weber; Sandra Pellegrini; Clarissa Cervantes; Cindy Mam; Sarah Ortiz; Jenny Hernandez

Public present: List of attendees available upon request.

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

Absent Members: Kimberly Cook-McDaniel and Robert Fernandez

Members with prior notification: Kimberly Cook-McDaniel and Robert Fernandez

Motion by Jonathan Macias and seconded by Anibal Olague to excuse absent members with prior notification.

Ayes: Bill Schlesinger, Mauricio Felix, Miguel Hernandez, Rosa I. Estrada

Nays: None.

3. Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2019 Meeting

Motion by Bill Schlesinger to approve minutes by common consent.

Ayes: Mauricio Felix, Anibal Olague, Jonathan Macias, Miguel Hernandez, Rosa I. Estrada

Objection: None.

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

a. ***Funding + Deployment – fair housing practices and financial vehicles***
Mark Weber: returning to City Council mid-November to provide a timeline for each recommendation in the Housing Strategy i.e. Housing Trust, Housing Tax Credit Policy and formalized structure for recommended joint Housing Task Force.

b. ***Planning + Development – built environment concerns***
Jenny Hernandez speaks on behalf of Robert Fernandez's comments regarding all-inclusive playgrounds—thoughtfully designed to provide a safe place for children with all abilities. Inclusive play provides the opportunity for children with different needs to play side-by-side enhancing mobility, accessibility and sensory.

c. ***Financial Capability – financial stability and access to housing***
Abraham Gutierrez: Project Vida received a U.S. Small Business Administration Grant, $75,000 to expand efforts related to microenterprise technical assistance, funding to provide training and technical assistance to disadvantage entrepreneurs.

d. *AI/Consolidated Plan* **– plan of action for development of studies**
Sarah Ortiz: Outreach phase – public hearing and community events to share survey. We are gearing to start the data analysis phase, planning to look at the outlines for the con plan/AI from the last 5 years to develop what information we need to compile.

e. *Outreach + Promotion* **– strategies to promote fair housing**
Cindy Mam: Ads placed in El Paso Times + El Diario to promote Public Hearing and have individuals take the community survey. PIO office received a press release in regards to the event and both English/Spanish posters regarding con plan/AI were shared with Parks and Rec to distribute amongst all locations. We are highlighting the survey on the community webpage, attending community meetings, and sharing flyers with the community.

6. Public Comment
Irma Avila: 324 families informed of Fair Housing information and rights.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Bill Schlesinger to adjourn meeting.

Ayes: Mauricio Felix, Anibal Olague, Jonathan Macias, Miguel Hernandez, Rosa I. Estrada

Nays: None.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Prepared by: Clarissa Cervantes