



Department of Community + Human Development

CITY OF EL PASO FAIR HOUSING TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, November 12, 2019

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Tommy Gonzalez

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 6:03 p.m. by Kimberly Cook-McDaniel, Committee 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		✓
Daniel Hernandez	X			
Marc A. Salazar		X		✓
Robert Fernandez		X	✓	
Luis Yañez		X		✓

City staff present: Abraham Gutierrez; Mark Weber; Nicholas Muñoz; Clarissa Cervantes; Cindy Mam; Sarah Ortiz; Jenny Hernandez

Public present: List of attendees available upon request.



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

Absent Members: Mauricio Felix, Anibal Olague and Robert Fernandez

Members with prior notification: Mauricio Felix and Robert Fernandez

Motion by Bill Schlesinger and seconded by Jonathan Macias to excuse absent members with prior notification.

Ayes: Miguel Hernandez, Rosa I. Estrada, Daniel Hernandez

Nays: None.

3. Approval of Minutes from October 8, 2019 Meeting

Motion by Miguel Hernandez and seconded by Bill Schlesinger to approve minutes.

Ayes: Jonathan Macias, Rosa I. Estrada, Daniel Hernandez, Kimberly Cook-McDaniel

Objection: None.

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

a. **Funding + Deployment – fair housing practices and financial vehicles**

Mark Weber: The El Paso Regional Plan confirms an economic perspective and recommendations. After presenting the plan to Council in the beginning of October, we are going to follow-up over the next six months to a year by coming back to Council with policy recommendations. At the time of presenting, Council asked we look into creating a joint Housing Task Force (advisory committee) to advise what policy that we start bringing forth. On November 12th, 2019 provided an update to City Council on the direction that we are going with that task force who we think should be about 15 members and several additional entities. Tax Credit Policy update: top tier focused areas, an application had become available for potential applicants to TDACH for tax credits. they can come to the City and request a resolution of Municipal Support.

b. **Planning + Development – built environment concerns**

Jenny Hernandez: There are no updates at this time.

c. **Financial Capability – financial stability and access to housing**

Abraham Gutierrez: Reference to a copy of the four establishing key priorities in the Financial Empowerment Blueprint.



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1. Build a foundation for social mobility through quality of life + place for all
2. Promote economic mobility through financial capacity + household resilience
3. Expand access to El Paso's innovation ecosystem
4. Transform El Paso into a landscape for opportunity

Nicole Ferrini, Director of Community Development/CRO, will be attending a Cities for Financial Empowerment Convening in Denver to discuss what other cities have released in terms of best practices and initiatives that come through the policies recommended by the document.

d. **AI/Consolidated Plan – plan of action for development of studies**

Sarah Ortiz: We have closed our outreach phase of the AI/Consolidated Plan.

Results—

- Feedback Forms from our partners + stakeholders = 40 responses.
- Survey = 461 English & 108 Spanish total of 569 responses compared to 171 last time. We over tripled community impact, 232% increase. We want to thank the fair housing task force for their efforts, partners + stakeholders and our team. Now we will be moving into our data analysis phase.

e. **Outreach + Promotion – strategies to promote fair housing**

Cindy Mam: No updates.

6. Public Comment

No Public Comment.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Jonathan Macias and seconded by Daniel Hernandez to adjourn meeting.

Ayes: Miguel Hernandez, Rosa I. Estrada, Kimberly Cook-McDaniel, and Bill Schlesinger

Nays: None.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Prepared by: Clarissa Cervantes