



COMMUNITY AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

CITY OF EL PASO FAIR HOUSING TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES December 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 4:13 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

Public present: List of attendees available upon request.

2. Review and approval of minutes dated November 13, 2018

Motion made by Bill Schlesinger and seconded by Larry Garcia to approve November 13, 2018 minutes as is.

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

Nays: None.

- 3.** Discussion and action on 2018 Fair Housing Task Force report to City Council
– Continue discussion from November 13, 2018 meeting

Task Force Board Members requested an item for next board meeting to start the formation of a subcommittee and discuss timelines for the report deadline. Board Members also requested the Department's Fair Housing Complaint Log be available on the web and updated bi-yearly and reflect a new column for follow up. Task Force members requested an update to the Fair Housing and Relocation Officer vacancy, per Board Member Jonathan Macias, a position mentioned on the Fair Housing Task Force Report, Department's Fair Housing Complaint Log, Fair Housing Task Force Ordinance and Fair Housing Ordinance, a critical position that needs to be filled quickly.

- 4.** Provide final approved Fair Housing Task Force Bylaws.
Task Force members requested to add Article 3 Sections A and B. Subsection B was revised as requested and agreed with staff. Subsection A needs to be added back in.

Motion made by Bill Schlesinger and seconded by Larry Garcia to revise Bylaws to reflect Mr. Schlesinger's revision.

- 5.** Update and report on Fair Housing Task Force activities

Irma Avila from Project Vida presented the Year to Date numbers on Fair Housing Activities. Project Vida Staff provided a presentation for families incarcerated while attempting to apply for housing on asylum seeking status. Irma stated that families felt discriminated through the process and they advised them on their right to fair housing.

- 6.** Public Comment

None

- 7.** Meeting was adjourned at 5:11 pm.

Prepared by: Art Rubio