



COMMUNITY AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

CITY OF EL PASO FAIR HOUSING TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES February 20, 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 January 16, 2018. Committee members were asked if there were any questions or revisions.

Motion made by Bill Schlesinger and seconded by Rosa Estrada to accept the January 16, 2018 minutes as is.

Ayes: Christine Gallegos, Arlene Alarcon, Marc Salazar, Rosa Estrada, Kimberly Cook-McDaniel and Bill Schlesinger.

Nays: None.

3. Review of 2018 Fair Housing Proclamation.

Committee members reviewed the Fair Housing Proclamation to be presented to City Council on April 3, 2018 along with the Community Development Week proclamation.

Motion made by Arlene Alarcon and seconded by Bill Schlesinger to accept the proclamation with corrections.

Ayes: Christine Gallegos, Arlene Alarcon, Marc Salazar, Rosa Estrada, Kimberly Cook-McDaniel and Bill Schlesinger.

Nays: None.

4. Review of proposed changes to the Fair Housing Task Force ordinance (Ord. 013629).

Committee members reviewed the layout and content of Fair Housing Task Ordinance. Members made recommendations and requested corrections to be made as of the number of alternate members to read "up to nine" and removing reference to the Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) from the language.

Motion made by Bill Schlesinger and seconded by Adam Gurrola to accept the Fair Housing Task Force Ordinance with corrections.

Ayes: Christine Gallegos, Arlene Alarcon, Adam Gurrola, Marc Salazar, Rosa Estrada, Kimberly Cook-McDaniel and Bill Schlesinger.

Nays: None.

5. Follow-up discussion on proposal to add Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity as protected classes to the Fair Housing ordinance.

Committee members discussed the addition of these two classes to the Fair Housing ordinance as well as the creation of sub-committees to review and recommend amendments to the entire ordinance. Task Force members recommended to undertake this process in two-steps: (1) Add to the ordinance Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity as protected classes; and (2) Form

sub-committees to take this item to City Council for consideration to review the entire ordinance.

First Motion made by Bill Schlesinger and seconded by Adam Gurrola to recommend to City Council the inclusion of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity as protected classes in Ordinance 17.20 (City of El Paso Fair Housing Ordinance) in all sections where protected classes are enumerated.

Ayes: Christine Gallegos, Arlene Alarcon, Adam Gurrola, Marc Salazar, Rosa Estrada, Kimberly Cook-McDaniel and Bill Schlesinger.

Nays: None

Second Motion made by Bill Schlesinger and seconded by Kimberly Cook-McDaniel to seek the direction of City Council on the appropriateness of evaluating the entire City of El Paso Fair Housing Ordinance in its current state.

Ayes: Christine Gallegos, Arlene Alarcon, Adam Gurrola, Marc Salazar, Rosa Estrada, Kimberly Cook-McDaniel and Bill Schlesinger.

Nays: None

- 6.** Discussion on Fair Housing Task Force vacancies, re-appointments, and Chair position.

Committee members were informed of the status of re-appointments, vacancies and Chairperson vacancy, those eligible to serve a second term were advised to contact staff for consideration to serve as Chairperson for the Task Force. Committee members requested more information on requirements to serve as alternate members.

No action taken

- 7.** Public Comment

No public comment was received

- 8.** Discussion and approval of the Next Meeting Date.

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

Ayes: Christine Gallegos, Arlene Alarcon, Adam Gurrola, Marc Salazar, Rosa Estrada, Kimberly Cook-McDaniel and Bill Schlesinger.

Nays: None

9. Meeting was adjourn at 4:55 pm.

Prepared by: Sandra Pellegrini