



## Department of Community + Human Development

### CITY OF EL PASO FAIR HOUSING TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, June 11, 2019

**Mayor**  
Dee Margo

#### City Council

*District 1*  
Peter Svarzbein

*District 2*  
Alexsandra Annello

*District 3*  
Cassandra Hernandez

*District 4*  
Dr. Sam Morgan

*District 5*  
Isabel Salcido

*District 6*  
Claudia Ordaz Perez

*District 7*  
Henry Rivera

*District 8*  
Cissy Lizarraga

**City Manager**  
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 6:02 p.m. by Nicole Ferrini, Director of Community and Human Development/CRO.

Board Member	Present	Absent
Jonathan Macias	X	
Bill Coon		X
Rosa Estrada	X	
Kimberly Cook-McDaniel	X	
Bill Schlesinger	X	
Larry Garcia	X	
Anibal Olague	X	
Mauricio Felix	X	

City staff present: Nicole Ferrini; Abraham Gutierrez; Sandra Pellegrini; Clarissa Cervantes

Public present: List of attendees available upon request.

2. Request to Excuse Absent Members : Bill Coon

**Motion made by Larry Garcia and seconded by Mauricio Felix to approve Bill Coon's absence.**

**Ayes: Kimberly Cook-McDaniel, Jonathan Macias, Rosa Estrada, Bill Schlesinger, Anibal Olague.**

**Nays: None.**



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### 3. Review and Discussion of Task Force duties, vacancies and ex officio member attendance.

- Nicole Ferrini discussed the new process of outreach to committee members and the importance of attendance.
- Jonathan Macias discussed the process to approve member absences and the need to fill current vacancies for both regular and alternate members.
- Jonathan Macias proposed the idea to allow members to join the meetings via teleconference when needed.
- Nicole Ferrini suggested updating the ordinance to include the ex officio members in attendance for meetings, as they deploy the work and help address complaints.

### 4. Approval of Minutes from January 24, 2019 Meeting

**Motion by Larry Garcia and seconded by Jonathan Macias to approve the minutes from January 24, 2019 Meeting.**

**Ayes: Kimberly Cook-McDaniel, Rosa Estrada, Bill Schlesinger, Mauricio Felix, and Anibal Olague.**

**Nays: None.**

### 5. Update on City Strategic Planning Initiatives as they relate to Fair Housing. Nicole Ferrini gave a presentation on the following items:

- a. City Strategic Plan, 25 X 25
- b. City Resilience Strategy
- c. City Municipal Financial Empowerment Blueprint
- d. City Comprehensive Housing Strategy

All of the presentations are attached, except the Comprehensive Housing Strategy as it is in draft form and not finalized.

Throughout the presentations, task force members discussed and proposed actions to promote outreach and education.

### 6. Discussion and Action on the formation of subcommittee working groups

**Motion by Bill Schlesinger and seconded by Larry Garcia to table item for next meeting.**

**Ayes: Kimberly Cook-McDaniel, Rosa Estrada, Jonathan Macias, Mauricio Felix, and Anibal Olague.**



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**Nays: None.**

7. Discussion and action regarding the location and annual schedule of Fair Housing Task Force Meetings.

**Motion by Larry Garcia and seconded by Bill Schlesinger to accept meeting dates and times set by the department.**

**Ayes: Kimberly Cook-McDaniel, Rosa Estrada, Jonathan Macias, Mauricio Felix, and Anibal Olague.**

**Nays: None.**

8. Discussion and Action to schedule required quarterly Task Force update to City Council.

**Motion made by Bill Schlesinger and seconded by Jonathan Macias to present the Fair Housing Task Force Annual Report to City Council on the last quarter of the year. Quarterly updates will be presented to City Council – The first update will be presented by the end of July 2019, along with the Housing Strategy.**

**Ayes: Kimberly Cook-McDaniel, Rosa Estrada, Larry Garica, Mauricio Felix, and Anibal Olague.**

**Nays: None.**

9. Public Comment

Project Vida- Fair Housing Coordinator, Irma Avila stated that she has reached out to 231 individuals and attended 11 public presentations to promote Fair Housing awareness.

10. Adjournment

**Motion made by Bill Schlesinger and seconded by Larry Garcia to Adjourn.**

**Ayes: Jonathan Macias, Rosa Estrada, Bill Schlesinger, Larry Garcia and**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Prepared by: Clarissa Cervantes