



**MINUTES OF THE
FAIR HOUSING TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2005 AT 3:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Bennett	David Marquez
Norma Cervantes	Walt Phillips
Laura Kissack	Maria Picard – Ami

STAFF PRESENT

Gloria Garcia, Secretary
Patricia White, Fair Housing Officer

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Gerardo Camacho (excused)	Larry Garcia (excused)
Mary Cardenas (excused)	Annette Gutierrez (excused)
Elizabeth Dalton	Zulema Lazarin (excused)

GUESTS

Rocio Castruita -- YWCA
Elke Cumming -- YWCA
Maria R. Perez -- VOLAR
Barbie Garcia -- VOLAR

1. Roll Call and Confirmation of a Quorum.

Roll call was taken at 3:40 p.m. and a quorum was confirmed. Patricia White chaired the meeting, in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairperson.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes from the last Fair Housing Task Force Meeting held June 22, 2005.

Ms. Laura Kissack made a motion to accept the June 22, 2005 minutes as presented. Ms. Maria Picard-Ami seconded the motion and the motion carried.

3. Review, Discussion and Action to confirm the Impediments to Fair Housing Choice that will be researched and reviewed by the Fair Housing Task Force.

Patricia White read the recommendations and changes to each of the 12 Impediments.

After a lengthy discussion on **Impediments #9 & #12**, the Task Force agreed to leave each impediment separate, instead of combining them as was recommended in the June 22, 2005 meeting. A motion was made by David Marquez and seconded by Laura Kissack to leave Impediments #9 and #12 separate and the motion carried.

The Committee accepted the recommended changes to Impediments 4, 10 and 10-C. On **Impediment #4**, an “s” was added to the word “choice”. There were two changes for **Impediment #10**. The first was a change in the wording that resulted in: “Advocates for persons with disabilities”.... The second revision was on **10-C**, that corrected the word “is” to “it”, so that the statement will read: “...that it acknowledges”....

There were no other changes to the wording of the Impediments.

4. Discussion and Action on the process that will be used to review and research the Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.

The following suggestions were received:

- Set-up three subcommittees, with four Impediments assigned to each group.
- The **Impediments** could be grouped as follows: **#1, #10** and **#11** together, **#2, #4** and **#5** together, **#3, #9**, and **#12** together and **#6, #7**, and **#8** together.
- We should schedule Speakers who are knowledgeable on the various Impediments.

Due to the lateness of the hour, it was agreed that this item would be discussed in more detail and finalized at the next meeting.

5. Discussion and approval of the Next Meeting Date.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17, 2005 at 3:30 p.m.

Maria Perez announced that there will be a Disabilities Conference on August 19, 2005, at the Camino Real from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. General Admission is \$20.00 and \$17.00 for people on fixed incomes. There will be speakers from El Paso, Colorado and Austin.

A motion was made by David Marquez and second by Laura Kissack to adjourn the meeting and the motion carried. Patricia White adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia White, Secretary