



# Minutes

## Blue Ribbon Working Group on Affordable Housing

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801 Texas Avenue, Thorman Conference Room (Basement)

Thursday, June 2, 2016

7:30 a.m.

**In attendance:**

Ray Aauto

Bill Schlesinger

Noemi Tovar

Al Velarde

**Absent:**

All four members in attendance

**Staff and Others Present:**

Frank Spencer III (appointee to replace Carmen Byers)

Please see attached sign in sheet

**1. Discussion on the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program, affordable housing, and criteria for local government support of LIHTC applications.**

- Members discussed the purpose and goals of the group.

Purpose: To bring the maximum amount of tax credits and affordable housing units to El Paso.

Goals: Identify guidelines/criteria to be used by the City in evaluating LIHTC proposals.

Research: Compare approaches by other cities. (E.g. Harris County, City of Houston)

- Concerns: Members expressed their concern regarding the lack of information provided by the City as to what the City's priorities are for affordable housing development.

Comments/questions: Where does the city want the development? What is the vision of the city?

Carlos Gallinar from Planning will gather and share information in the next meeting.

- Concerns: Members agreed that it is important to consider transportation accessibility.

Information requested for next meeting:

Ridership data for Sun Metro routes

Enrollment in school districts

## **2. Adjournment.**

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