



# Minutes

## Blue Ribbon Working Group on Affordable Housing

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801 Texas Avenue, Thorman Conference Room (Basement)

Thursday, June 9, 2016

7:30 a.m.

**In attendance:**

Ray Aauto

Bill Schlesinger

Noemi Tovar

Frank Spencer

Al Velarde

**Absent:**

All five members in attendance

**Staff and Others Present:**

Please see attached sign in sheet

**1. Call to Order and Introductions**

**2. Debrief, discussion and direction regarding June 8, 2016 affordable housing site tour.**

- Committee expressed their satisfaction with the housing site visits and communicated their findings on the methods used to design affordable housing in El Paso.

**3. Discussion and direction on Plan El Paso, the City of El Paso's Comprehensive Plan, and the housing issues and recommendations addressed in the Plan.** Presentation by Carlos Gallinar, Planning & Inspections.

- Committee addressed the need to utilize Plan El Paso to analyze the factor of location.
- Members of the committee expressed the need to identify definitions used in Plan El Paso and, if necessary, develop standards as to how to use certain terminology. (e.g. Infill)

**4. Discussion and direction on school districts' capacities and enrollment numbers.**

- Office of Resilience will be presenting this information at the next meeting.

**5. Discussion and Direction on the format and potential content of the Working Group's recommendations to City Council.**

- Committee members considered the different alternatives to present recommendations to City Council. (Descriptive statement of priorities, establish a set of values, create a scoring system, or support all proposals and let the State evaluate based on Qualified Allocation Plan criteria.)
- Developers expressed the need to consider and closely study the Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) scoring system used by Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA).

**6. Identification and discussion of the items for future agendas.**

- Review TDHCA'S QAP
- Review of recent City Council discussions (1/11/2016 and 3/30/2015) regarding Low Income Housing Tax Credits.

**7. Adjournment.**

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Chair

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