



MINUTES
FAIR HOUSING TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MEETING
8th Floor Conference Room
January 8, 2013
3:30 pm

The Fair Housing Task Force Committee met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order 3:50 p.m. Task Force Chair Ms. Taylor Moreno present and presiding and the following Committee Members answered roll call:

Members Present

Ms. Veronica Carbajal
Ms. Alma Miller
Mr. Jerry Romero
Mr. Marc Salazar
Mr. Sergio Vasquez

Members Absent

Mr. Rafael Hernando III

Late Arrivals

None

Early Departures

None

Ex-Office Members present

Mr. Raul Gonzalez
Mr. Victor Morrison-Vega

Staff Present

Rhoda Tillman, CDBTG Contract Administrator and Fair Housing Officer

Agenda

Discussion and Action on:

2. Approval of Steering Committee Minutes of December 11, 2012 – Taylor Moreno, Chairperson
3. Discussion of Demand for Accessible Type A Apartment Units in the City of El Paso Texas – Optional
4. Discussion of Data Base verses Testing for Rental of Accessible Units
5. Report – Fair Housing Education and Outreach Planning Committee
6. Discussion and Approval of the Next Meeting Date
7. Adjournment

Item 2: Roll Call and Confirmation of a Quorum

Motion was made by Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Vasquez and unanimously passed to approve December 11, 2012 minutes.

AYES: Ms. Carbajal; Ms. Miller; Mr. Romeo; Mr. Salazar; Mr. Vasquez

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Hernando II

Item 3: Discussion of Demand for Accessible Type A Apartment Units in the City of El Paso Texas

On January 22, 2013, the Institute for Policy and Economic Development (IPED) staff will present the above analysis to City Council. The task force concurred City representatives be provided a handout of individual task force member comments/observations.

Item 4: Discussion/Action of Data Base verses Testing for Rental of Accessible Units
A motion was made by Mr. Vasquez that Mr. Lilly request City Council to transfer the \$25,000 budgeted for a Type A supply/demand data base and allocate the funds to testing for violations under the Fair Housing Act.

AYES: Ms. Carbajal; Ms. Miller; Mr. Romeo; Mr. Salazar; Mr. Vasquez

NAYS: None

Task force members that testing should be ongoing and it was noted, if testing indicates significant violations, that monies resulting from violations could be used to fund a data base.

Item 5: Discussion/Action of the Fair Housing Education and Outreach Projects for Fair Housing Month 2013

Ms. Hankins reported that a collaborative fair housing function is planned for April 24, 2013, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There will be break-out sessions, free information tables, and depending on finances, food/or snacks for a noon program. Program topics and specific are to worked at the next planning meeting scheduled for 1-15-13 to be held at the City of El Paso Housing Authority offices. Ms. Moreno will draft donation requests to the Wells Fargo Bank, El Paso Housing Finance Committee, Representative Susie Byrd and the El Paso Housing Collaborative.

Item 6: Discussion and Approval of the Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is scheduled for February 5, 2013.

Item 7: Motion made by Mr. Romero, seconded by Ms. Carbajal and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 4:51 p.m.

Approved as to form:

Rhoda Tillman, Board Secretary