

**MINUTES**  
**FAIR HOUSING TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**February 4, 2014**  
**Pat O'Rourke Recreational Center**  
**701 Montana / Room 105**  
**3:35 PM**

The Fair Housing Task Force met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. Task Force designated Chair Mr. Jerry Romero present and presiding and the following Committee Members answered roll call.

**Members Present**

Ms. Veronica Carbajal  
Ms. Sussette Kenney  
Ms. Alma Miller  
Mr. Marc Salazar  
Mr. Sergio Vasquez

**Members Absent**

Mr. Terry Breaux

**Late Arrivals**

None

**Early Departures**

None

**Ex-Officio Members Present**

None

**Staff Present**

Rhoda W. Tillman, CDB Contract Administrator and Fair Housing Officer

**Agenda**

- Discussion and Action on:
2. Review and Approval of Minutes from the last Fair Housing Task Force Meeting held February 4, 2014.
  3. Review El Paso's Utilization of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Clearinghouse for Persons with Disabilities to Locate Affordable Housing and Community-Based Services  
Presentation: Rhoda Tillman, CDBG Contracts Administrator and  
City of El Paso Fair Housing Officer
  4. Review the Purpose of the Fair Housing Task Force and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report  
Presentation: Rhoda Tillman, CDBG Contracts Administrator and  
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  5. Approval of the Next Meeting Date
  6. Adjournment

**ITEM 2:** Review and Approval of Minutes from the last Fair Housing Task Force Meeting held February 4, 2014.

Motion was made by Sergio Vasquez, seconded by Ms. Kenny and unanimously passed to approve February 4, 2014 minutes. Ms. Luran Ferris was welcomed as the City of El Paso, Assistant Attorney, attending the meeting. Members and guests introduced themselves, what category they represented and who appointed them to the Task Force.

**ITEM 3:** Review El Paso's Utilization of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Clearinghouse for Persons with Disabilities to Locate Affordable Housing and Community-Based Services

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After a review of the State affordable housing data base, members reviewed a draft flyer being developed for education and outreach for the public and apartment community. Suggestions were made and Ms. Tillman stated she would have a revised copy for the next meeting.

**ITEM 4:** Review the Purpose of the Fair Housing Task Force and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report

Presentation: Rhoda Tillman, CDBG Contracts Administrator and  
City of El Paso Fair Housing Officer

Ms. Tillman explained the report emailed to members is an annual performance report required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The report is dated September 1, 2012, through August 31, 2013. This report will be provided to the Mayor and City Representatives in April, 2014. This will be updated to the time of the presentation. Ms. Tillman reviewed the elements of the report from the history of the Fair Housing Task Force, the Task Force Strategy; the Impediments as identified by the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI), AI suggested actions and actions taken by the Fair Housing Task Force, and specific outreach efforts. Ms. Tillman stressed Impediments 3 that gives an idea of the changes HUD is proposing. HUD will be providing new guidelines but until then the Fair Housing Task Force will continue to utilize the AI as a guide. The intent will be to break up segregated areas in El Paso with a philosophy of providing equal opportunities for all households no matter the household income as well as consideration of other family and City demographic data.

Addressing the activities for this year, Task Force members agreed to another apartment manager/owner training this April, Fair Housing Month. Several suggestions were discussed with more detail to be presented next month.

**ITEM 5:** Approval of the Next Meeting Date

Members will meet the second Tuesday, March 11, 2014, as Mr. Romero will be out of town the first Tuesday, the regular meeting date.

**ITEM 6:** Adjournment

Motion made by Ms. Kenny, seconded by Mr. Vasquez and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 p.m.