



COMMUNITY AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

CITY OF EL PASO FAIR HOUSING TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES March 20, 2018

1. A meeting of the Fair Housing Task Force was held at Park O'Rourke Recreation Center Conference Room and was called to order at 4:06 p.m. by Christine Gallegos, Chairperson.

Board Member	Present	Absent
Christine Gallegos	X	
Arlene Alarcon		X
Adam Gurrola		X
Marc A. Salazar	X	
Rosa I. Estrada	X	
Kimberly Cook-McDaniel		X
Bill Schlesinger	X	
Todd Miller		X
Sergio Vasquez	X	

City staff present: Karla Nieman and Sandra Pellegrini.

Public present: List of attendees available upon request.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes dated February 20, 2018. Task Force members were asked if there were any questions or revisions.

Motion made by Bill Schlesinger and seconded by Rosa Estrada to accept the February 20, 2018 minutes as is.

Ayes: Christine Gallegos, Marc Salazar, Rosa Estrada, Bill Schlesinger and Sergio Vasquez.

Nays: None.

3. CD-Week: Activities and presentation of the Fair Housing Proclamation to City Council.

Task Force members were provided with information regarding the date, time, and location of the 2018 Fair Housing Proclamation presentation by City Council as well as Community Development week activities planned from April 2 thru April 6. Activities will include presentations from City staff and other local agencies. Sergio Vasquez advised of Fair Housing training to be provided at the Housing Authority of the City of El Paso main office.

No action taken.

4. Fair Housing Task Force vacancies and appointments - Update.

Task Force members were informed how the current nomination process works as well as number of vacancies. Staff provided information on the selection process for ex-officio members. Attendance issues were discussed by the Task Force.

No action taken.

5. Fair Housing Task Force Ordinance - Update.

Task Force members were advised of additional amendments to be made to the ordinance regarding the requirement for ex-officio members and appointing agencies. The ex-officio members will be removed from the ordinance. Task Force members were advised that the ordinance amendment will be presented to City Council as soon as all corrections are finalized. Task Force members discussed strategies to increase attendance to these meetings.

No action taken

6. Public Comment

Public discussed attendance and public participation at these meetings and shared ideas to reach out to individuals or organizations interested in Fair Housing issues. Holding these meetings at different venues and options to broadcast the meetings as means to reach a larger audience were discussed.

7. Discussion and approval of the Next Meeting Date.

Motion made by Christine Gallegos and seconded by Rosa Estrada to schedule the next meeting for April 24, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Ayes: Christine Gallegos, Marc Salazar, Rosa Estrada, Bill Schlesinger and Sergio Vasquez.

Nays: None

8. Meeting was adjourn at 4:49 pm.

Prepared by: Sandra Pellegrini