



**FAIR HOUSING TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
MARCH 23, 2010
3:30 P.M.**

The Fair Housing Task Force Committee met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m. Committee Secretary and Fair Housing Officer, Ms. Rhoda Tillman, present and presiding and the following Committee Members answered roll call:

Mary Cardenas
Larry Garcia
Stephanie Karr, Chairperson
Jo Ann Vera, Recording Secretary

Delia Chavez
Rafael Hernando III
Rhoda Tillman, Fair Housing Officer

The following members were not present:

Bill Bennett
Joel G. Guzman
Kelly Sorenson

Lisle H. Davis (excused)
Luis Carlos Sandoval Jr.

Late arrival:

Sergio Vasquez

Agenda

1. Roll Call and Confirmation of a Quorum.
2. Review and Approval of Minutes
Fair Housing Task Force Meeting, September 29, 2009
3. Discussion of the 2010 – 2015 Consolidated Plan for the City of El Paso and Fair Housing Open Forum Analysis of Impediments Community Input Session, Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 3:30 p.m.
4. Discussion of the 2010 Analysis of Impediments (AI) Request for Proposal (RFP)
5. Discussion of the Impact of the AI on Fair Housing Task Force Subcommittees
6. Discussion of Fair Housing Month, April 11, 2010, 40th Year Anniversary

City Council Fair Housing Month Proclamation, April 6, 2010, 9:00 a.m.
City of El Paso Council Chambers,
Community Development Week, April 11 -17, 2010
Newsletter – Featuring TVP Community Housing Development Organization
First Time-Homebuyer Assistance Program, ten new homes for purchase
and the City's First Time-Homebuyer Assistance Program
Fair Housing Information Table, Census Blitz – Family Festival, Saturday,
April 10, 2010, Album Park
Fair Housing Information Table, Lower Dyer Neighborhood Revitalization
Strategy Area (NRSA), April 17, 2010

7. Discussion and approval of the Next Meeting Date

Item 1: Roll Call and Confirmation of a Quorum

Roll call was taken and a quorum was confirmed at 4:05 p.m.

Item 2: Review and Approval of minutes from the last Fair Housing Task Force Meeting held September 29, 2009.

Motion made by Larry Garcia and seconded by Delia Chavez and unanimously carried to accept the minutes as written.

AYES: Mary Cardenas, Rafael Hernando III, Stephanie Karr, Sergio Vasquez

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Item 3: Discussion of the 2010 – 2015 Consolidated Plan for the City of El Paso and Fair Housing Open Forum Analysis of Impediments Community Input Session, Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 3:30 p.m.

Rhoda Tillman explained the purpose of the Five Year Consolidated Plan which is a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) required document for the City to receive Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Emergency Shelter Grant (EMS) and Housing Opportunity for People with Aids (HOPWA) funding. A requirement of the Consolidated Plan is to address the current Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. A Fair Housing Open Forum Analysis of Impediments Community Input Session was held on February 23, 2010. Rhoda thanked several Fair Housing Task Force members who were present at the Forum.

Item 4: Discussion of the 2010 Analysis of Impediments (AI) Request for Proposal (RFP)

Mr. Lilly, Executive Director, Department of Community and Human Development, explained that in years past, cities would take it upon themselves to update their AIs. However, as cities have grown and are rapidly changing, such as El Paso, it is time for El Paso to do an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. He explained that the City will be issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) in the near future for a consultant to complete an AI. This AI should address whether there is or there is not an impediment that relates to accessibility units as well as many other factors relating to the seven protected classes under the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

Mr. Lilly explained that as much as possible, he would like the Task Force members to be involved. Plans were made to present a Fair Housing Month proclamation at Council on April 6, 2010. Ms. Karr, Chairperson, will recognize Task Force members and announce the RFP for the AI. Ms. White explained the original AI completed in 1996, the various updates, and the activities and reports that had occurred. She said she is looking forward to the completion of the new AI.

Item 5: Discussion of the Impact of the AI on Fair Housing Task Force Subcommittees

Ms. Karr stated that the Fair Housing Task Force subcommittee process would be put on hold until the AI is completed.

- Item 6:** Discussion of Fair Housing Month, April 11, 2010, 40th Year Anniversary
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Rhoda explained that April is Fair Housing Month and April 5th through the 10th is National Community Development Week. She provided a copy of the CD Week newsletter highlighting all the weekly events. The various functions were explained and Rhoda made the members aware of what functions would have fair housing information provided.

Item 7: Discussion and approval of the Next Meeting Date

Task Force members agreed that the current date, the fourth Tuesday of the month, has worked well for regular Task Force meetings. However, the members agreed to meet a week earlier on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, to continue the process to issue an RFP for an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.

Mr. Larry Garcia entered a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rafael Hernando III seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously

AYES: Mary Cardenas, Delia Chavez, Stephanie Karr and Sergio Vasquez

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Approved as to form:

Rhoda Tillman, Board Secretary

c: All Attendees