



**FAIR HOUSING TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
8<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
AUGUST 20, 2009  
3:30 P.M.**

The Fair Housing Task Force Committee met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. Committee Secretary and Fair Housing Officer, Ms. Rhoda Tillman, present and presiding and the following Committee Members answered roll call:

Delia Chavez  
Stephanie Dodson, Chairperson  
Rafael Hernando  
Rhoda Tillman, Fair Housing Officer

Lisle H. Davis  
Larry Garcia  
Lester L. Parker  
Jo Ann Vera, Recording Secretary

The following members were not present:

Bill Bennett (excused)  
Joel G. Guzman (excused)  
Kelly Sorenson

Mary Cardenas  
Luis Carlos Sandoval Jr. (absent)

**Agenda**

1. Roll Call and Confirmation of a Quorum.
2. Introduction and Welcome to new members of Task Force.
3. Review and Approval of minutes from the last Fair Housing Task Force Meeting held April 22, 2009.
4. Review, Discussion and Action to select the Impediments to Fair Housing Choice that will be researched and reviewed by the Fair Housing Task Force and that will be presented in a report to City Council during the Fiscal Year 2009-2010.
5. 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.

**Item 2:** Introduction and Welcome to new members of the Task Force

Ms. Rhoda Tillman introduced staff and welcomed the newest member, Mr. Hernando, of the Task Force. Rafael Hernando explained his interest in the Fair Housing Task Force and that he is also a member of the City Accessibility Committee.

Ms. Tillman advised the board that eight of the nine categories are now filled and efforts will continue to fill the ex-officio positions. She discussed the purpose of the Task Force, the ordinance and primary functions of the task force in relationship to the Fair Housing Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968.

**Item 3:** Review and Approval of minutes from the last Fair Housing Task Force Meeting held April 22, 2009

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

AYES: Delia Chavez, Lisle Davis and Rafael Hernando.

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

**Item 4:** Review and Discussion to select the Impediments to Fair Housing Choice that will be researched and reviewed by the Fair Housing Task Force and that will be presented in a report to City Council during Fiscal Year 2009-2010

Mr. Garcia provided a brief history of the Fair Housing Task Force. He explained that the task force committee members had been divided up into sub-committees A, B, and C. Some impediments had been split among the sub-committees in order to research each impediment in detail while other impediments were to be reviewed by the total task force. Mr. Garcia recommended that the current members start where prior Task Force members had stopped. Ms. Tillman agreed to provide information on which sub-committees were assigned which impediments. Ms. Dodson recommended members review this information along with the status of the impediments as provided in their copy of Report to City Council dated April 20, 2004 to determine which sub-committees they would like to work on.

Ms. Dodson explained that a large sum of stimulus money is available for housing for the homeless. She suggested that Mr. Tom Serrano from Community and Housing Development give a presentation at the next meeting. Ms. Dodson wants task force members informed and to determine if the Task Force might have a role with this additional housing that will be available in El Paso.

**Item 5:** Discussion and approval of the Next Meeting Date

To avoid scheduling conflicts a motion was made by Lisle Davis, seconded by Larry Garcia and passed unanimously that the September meeting will be scheduled at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 29, 2009. Future meetings will be scheduled at each gathering.

AYES: Delia Chavez, Rafael Hernando, and Les Parker

NAYES: None  
ABSTAIN: None

The next meeting of a whole is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. on the Eighth Floor Conference Room.

Ms. Delia Chavez entered a motion to adjourn. Mr. Larry Garcia seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously

AYES: Lisle Davis, Rafael Hernando and Les Parker  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

Approved as to form:

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Rhoda Tillman, Board Secretary

c: All Attendees