



Department of Community + Human Development

CITY OF EL PASO
FAIR HOUSING TASK FORCE MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, July 23, 2019

Mayor
Dee Margo

City Council

District 1
Peter Svarzbein

District 2
Alexsandra Annelo

District 3
Cassandra Hernandez

District 4
Dr. Sam Morgan

District 5
Isabel Salcido

District 6
Claudia Ordaz Perez

District 7
Henry Rivera

District 8
Cissy Lizarraga

City Manager
Tommy Gonzalez

- 1. A meeting of the Fair Housing Task Force was held at City Hall Main Room, 300 N. Campbell and was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Kimberly Cook-McDaniel, Committee Chair.

Table with 5 columns: Regular Board Member, Present, Absent, Excused, Not Excused. Rows include Mauricio Felix, Anibal Olague, Jonathan Macias, Miguel Hernandez, Rosa I. Estrada, Kimberly Cook-McDaniel, Bill Schlesinger, Jose Garcia, Christine Gallegos, Marc A. Salazar, Robert Fernandez, and Luis Yañez.

City staff present: Nicole Ferrini; Abraham Gutierrez; Sandra Pellegrini; Clarissa Cervantes

Public present: List of attendees available upon request.



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**2. Request to Excuse Absent Members:** Rosa I. Estrada, Bill Schlesinger, Anibal Olague, Miguel Hernandez

Jonathan Macias suggested to record absences as unexcused if members did not previously call and advise.

Rosa I. Estrada and Bill Schlesinger advised they could not attend the meeting. All those without prior notification will be noted with an unexcused absence.

**Motion by Jonathan Macias and seconded by Larry Garcia to approve excused absent members: Rosa I. Estrada and Bill Schlesinger**

**Ayes: Mauricio Felix, Jonathan Macias, Kimberly Cook-McDaniel, Jose Garcia, Robert Fernandez.**

**Nays: None.**

**3. Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2019 Meeting**

**Motion by Larry Garcia and seconded by Jonathan Macias to approve the minutes from June 11, 2019 Meeting.**

**Ayes: Mauricio Felix, Jonathan Macias, Kimberly Cook-McDaniel, Jose Garcia, Robert Fernandez.**

**Nays: None.**

**4. Discuss forthcoming Housing Strategy:**

Two core goals of the Regional Housing Plan for the community of El Paso:

1. Promote Housing that Meets the Needs of All Residents
  - Increase the production of affordable housing
  - Improve access to homeownership
2. Support Economic Growth of the City and the Region
  - Incentivize fiscally sustainable development
  - Create dynamic and vibrant communities

City Council Presentation for the Regional Housing Plan – open to public comment: Monday, August 5, 2019 at 9:00 am.



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### 5. Discussion and Action on the formation of subcommittee working groups

Nicole Ferrini suggested this item be an open discussion about how the formation of the subcommittee groups is done, being mindful of quorum guidelines and looking at how the committee can take on specific tasks important to the group.

#### Subcommittees:

1. Funding + Deployment
2. Planning + Development
3. Financial Capability
4. AI/Consolidated Plan
5. Outreach + Promotion

#### Leads/Co-Leads of Subcommittees:

1. Funding + Deployment – Jose Garcia
2. Planning + Development – Mauricio Felix & Robert Fernandez
3. Financial Capability – Jose Garcia & Bill Schlesinger
4. AI/Consolidated Plan – Kimberly Cook-McDaniel
5. Outreach + Promotion- Jonathan Macias

**Motion by Jonathan Macias and seconded by Jose Garcia for these committees to exist and to adopt as reported by Mrs. Ferrini.**

**Ayes: Mauricio Felix, Jonathan Macias, Kimberly Cook-McDaniel, Jose Garcia, Robert Fernandez.**

**Nays: None.**

### 6. Public Comment

Project Vida- Fair Housing Coordinator, Irma Avila suggested to have a dispute resolution program where individuals can call and state their complaints regarding their landlords outside of Fair Housing complaints.

### 7. Adjournment

**Motion by Kimberly Cook-McDaniel seconded by Jonathan Macias to Adjourn.**

**Ayes: Mauricio Felix, Jonathan Macias, Kimberly Cook-McDaniel, Jose Garcia, Robert Fernandez.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Prepared by: Clarissa Cervantes