

**ARIZONA FAIR HOUSING PARTNERSHIP MEETING
("AFHP/PARTNERSHIP")**

Meeting Minutes

[May 13, 2015]

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 2:15 p. m.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present:

In Person: Joy Johnson, Stan Silas, Theresa James, Stanko Zovko, Karen Hartman-Tellez, Enrique Medina Ochoa and Sharon Light Stephenson.

Telephonically: Jennifer Battaglia, Michael Cardenas, James Marshall, Alicia Franco and Adriana Medrano

III. Open issues (Old Business)

- a) Minutes from March 25, 2015 were adopted.
- b) Committee Reports – There was a detailed discussion on the Fair Housing Symposium which was held on April 10, 2015. There were 58 attendees and the evaluations were very positive except for a few. It was brought out that the program titles may have been too technical for the general public and we need help to obtain better media coverage. In order to get more involved with local community, AFHP, should partner with other groups which were mentioned by Theresa James and Stanko Zovko. AFHP hopes to send staff to the Arizona Chapter of NAHRO event in Phoenix to be held this August. AFHP, will develop handout materials and contact information for this event. It was also stated that the AFHP's entire membership should be contacted as to their ideas and thoughts for the next annual fair housing event for 2016. There was agreement that HUD's Phoenix office should be more involved in the planning and implementation of the annual fair housing event as well. A final suggestion was that all the partners /agencies should donate a grab bag of items from their organization for the attendees as a "gift bag."
- c). There was discussion regarding the need for the AFHP's brochures, bylaws and mission statement documents be updated to help the general public better understand who and what the AFHP is about. There will no more meetings for July and August. The new Executive Director of the Arizona Fair Housing Council, Enrique Medina Ochoa, invited the AFHP members to meet at his office for the next meeting. Also the ADOH will host a forum on housing/homelessness in August, 2016 at the Biltmore Resort.

The staff in Yuma provided a detailed description of their 13th Annual Yuma Housing Festival which is sponsored by Community Legal Services (CLS), City of Yuma (COY), Housing Authority of Yuma (HACY), Southwest Fair Housing Center (SWFHC), Western Council of Governments (WACOG), and Yuma County Housing

was held on March 28, 2015 in conjunction with Music on Main and the Fireman's Muster. Over 100 people were in attendance throughout the day. In addition, the Committee worked with the Arizona Western College's Graphic Design class in designing a poster regarding Fair Housing. The top 12 designs were put on display at the Yuma Are Center and a reception was held on March 27, 2015 to unveil the winning poster. Over 75 people were in attendance at the reception and the winning graphic design student was presented with a special graphic design tablet donated by HACY. The Mayor of Yuma, Doug Nicholls and Yuma County Board Supervisor Russell McCloud were in attendance.

IV. New Business

The election of officers was accomplished as the next major item of business

The new officers are:

Chairperson-Theresa James

Vice Chairperson- Michael Cardenas

Secretary-Stanko Zovko.

The next Partnership meeting will be held on June 10, 2015 at the Arizona Fair Housing Center.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Stanley Silas