

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

Meeting Minutes

[July 13, 2016]

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order at approximately 2:05 p.m

Location: Department of Housing
1110 West Washington St, Suite 280
Phoenix, AZ 85007

II. Roll Call

The following persons were present:

In Person: Stanko Zovko – Southwest Fair Housing Council
Val Sarver – City of Scottsdale
Stan Silas – Community Legal Services
Theresa James – City of Tempe
Joy Johnson – Arizona Department of Housing

Telephonically: Carissa Cyr – Maricop County
Jennifer Battaglia – City of Phoenix
Valerie Donnelly – WACOG
Darrel Christenson – Ability360
Rebecca Browder – Arizona Attorney General's Office
Jim Marshal – Community Legal Services

III. Open issues

a) Increase AFHP Membership

1. Invite new members to join our organization such as: Housing Authorities, private landlords, and other Housing Providers. A suggestion was made to create a letter or postcard and distribute to potential members. The postcard would feature the AFHP website, AFHP Facebook page, list of active organizations, and a brief summary about the organization and the benefits of becoming a member. Theresa James, with the City of Tempe, has volunteered to draft the postcard and present at the next meeting.
2. AFHP discussed creating a monthly newsletter as a way of keeping members up to date with HUD changes, stories about Fair Housing incidents, various Fair Housing events being hosted by other agencies, questions/comments section, and current events related to Fair Housing. Please submit information to add to the newsletter by the September meeting.

b) Organize More Events

1. In the past the committee's main focus and only event has been the Annual Symposium. It was suggested we hold additional events. One idea is to organize a mixer or networking event associated with the Annual Symposium. The idea is to draw attention to members and prospective members outside the Phoenix area. The committee suggested organizing accommodations at a local hotel by booking group rates. Having a gathering, after the symposium, at a local hotel might bring positive networking and information sharing about each agency or organization.
2. Another idea was proposed by Mary Brandon from Mesa. She reached out to our organization about partnering up to host the 2017 Dare to Be Fair Conference. She has been invited to attend our next meeting to discuss further details about organizing the event.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30pm

Minutes submitted by: Val Sarver