

ARIZONA FAIR HOUSING PARTNERSHIP MEETING
(“AFHP/PARTNERSHIP”)
Meeting Minutes

[January 13th, 2015]

I. Call to order

Meeting Called to order at 2:09 p.m. at the Tempe City Library located at: 3500 S Rural Rd, Tempe, AZ 85282

II. Roll Call

The following persons were present:

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

Telephonically: Adriana Medrano – City of Yuma
Jim Marshal – Community Legal Services
Adriana Medrano – City of Yuma
Jennifer Battaglia – City of Phoenix
Darrel Christensen – Ability360
Mathew Hess – City of Avondale
Valarie Donnelly – WACOG
Carissa Cyr – Maricopa County
Stephanie Smelnick - HUD

III. Open issues (Old Business)

- a) Minutes from December 16th, 2015 were adopted.
- b) April 2016 Symposium (topics ideas, future planning, etc.)

Planning

The topic for the event was decided to be hot/new topics in fair housing. This way the group could include a wide range of information and market the event to a variety of possible attendees.

The members present once again discussed the possibility of presenting awards. Stan Silas nominated the City of Mesa for taking the lead in organizing the Dare to Be Fair event this year. Carissa Cyr stated that she would do some additional research regarding awards to find out what is common practice in these situations.

Matthew Hess stated that he could take care of the food this year since he had the information from the previous years where Michael Cardenas had taken care of it.

Stephanie Smelnick stated that she could most likely have someone present concerning the new analysis tools that HUD is implementing. She stated that she would reach out to Earl Cook to see if he would possibly be interested in doing so.

Stanko Zovko stated that he could reach out to two potential speakers for the event. He stated that he could speak with Deirdre Pfeiffer from ASU who does a great deal of work mapping racial and ethnic distributions as well as Denise Holliday who is an attorney and judge that represents many multifamily complexes and works with a lot of RA requests. He stated that she is also very knowledgeable concerning medical marijuana.

The following schedule was devised for the April event by the members who were present:

9:00 – 9:20:	Welcome (Theresa & Stephanie Smelnick)
9:20 – 10:00:	Housing patterns in AZ and data trends (Deirdre Pfeiffer from ASU)
10:00 – 10:15	Break
10:15 – 11:00	Analysis Tools (Earl Cook from HUD)
11:00 – 11:45	Disparate Impact
11:45 – 12:00	Questions
12:00 – 12:45	Reasonable Accommodations (Stanko and Denise Holliday)
12:45 – 1:30	Medical Marijuana (Denise Holliday)
1:30 – 2:00	Final Questions and closing remarks

IV. New Business/Announcements

No new business was presented.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:04 p.m.

The next partnership meeting will be held on February 10th, 2015 at 2:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Stanko Zovko