

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

[November 18th, 2015]

I. Call to order

Meeting Called to order at 2:22 p.m. at the Tempe Public Library, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 3500 S Rural Rd, Tempe, AZ 85282

II. Roll Call

The following persons were present:

In person: Theresa James, Val Sarver, Stanko Zovko

Telephonically: Jennifer Battaglia, Darrel Christenson, Jim Marshall

III. Open issues (Old Business)

a) Minutes from October 14th, 2015 were adopted.

b) By-laws revision

The updates to the by-laws were discussed. All who attended the meeting stated that the current draft of the by-laws appeared acceptable. Theresa James stated that the by-laws will be presented for adoption at the next meeting.

c) April 2016 Symposium (topics ideas, future planning, etc.)

Planning

Locations were discussed for the upcoming event. Stanko Zovko had found a potential room with the Arizona Community Foundation that had a nominal fee of \$25. One of the downsides with this room is that it has a maximum capacity of about 100 people.

Theresa James stated that she will ask a few other organizations to check on the availability of other facilities prior to making a decision. While the partnership has had about 100 attendees in the past, having sufficient capacity is important.

It was suggested that we do outreach for the event through local PHAs similar to how the Dare to Be Fair Event was done.

Topics

Discussion regarding potential topics was continued at this meeting. Everyone present agreed that while disabilities have been covered in previous events, it is a complicated

subject that could be covered in many different ways. Several of the members present voiced that they would appreciate training on reasonable accommodations and modifications.

Since a majority of the attendees of the symposium are housing providers, it was suggested to do a training on how to identify and prevent potential fair housing issues. Maybe with a role playing exercise that would be directly relevant to their daily work. Val Iverson suggested having a model program come in to explain how they work with clients to educate them on their rights and deal with issues.

IV. New Business/Announcements

No new business was presented at this time.

V. Adjournment

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

The next partnership meeting will be held on December 16th, 2015 at 2:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Stanko Zovko