

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

[December 16th, 2015]

I. Call to order

Meeting Called to order at 2:09 p.m. at the Arizona Department of Housing located at: 1110 W Washington St, #310, Phoenix, AZ 85007

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

Telephonically: Adriana Medrano – City of Yuma
Theresa Rassas – Arizona Attorney General
Rebekah Browder – Arizona Attorney General
Adriana Medrano – City of Yuma
Jennifer Battaglia – City of Phoenix
Darrel Christensen – Ability360
Monica Schulik – Arizona Association of Realtors

III. Open issues (Old Business)

- a) Minutes from November 18th, 2015 were adopted.
- b) By-laws adoption

The By-laws were tabled to be approved at the next meeting.

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

Planning

Monica Shulik advised that the partnership had \$1,654 in the bank account at this time. Last year a modest profit was made on the Symposium. This was largely due to the fact that the venue was free. The food last year cost \$1200 which included the breakfast. It was decided among the members present to look for a cheaper food option or to no longer serve breakfast. Several members present stated that they would ask their respective organizations if they could possibly sponsor the event to cover some of these costs.

Theresa James stated that she had reserved a room at the Tempe Library that could be had for free but was not as accommodating as the Ability360 center that had been used in previous years. After some discussion it was agreed that the event would be held again at the Ability360 center even if it would mean a higher cost for the event.

Monica Schulik stated that we could use the service 'eventbrite' again for sending save the dates and registering for the event.

Stanko Zovko stated that he would help organize the AZDRE CEU credits again this year.

Topics

Discussion from previous meetings was reviewed and the topic of disabilities was brought up again. Several members stated that the partnership could educate about different aspects of disabilities because it is such a complex topic. There was general consensus on addressing the topic of disabilities again.

In a previous meeting Valerie Sarver had mentioned doing a skit or running through a scenario that a housing provider would experience would be helpful. Especially in regards to how to handle a reasonable accommodation. This was brought up again by Stanko Zovko and the members present were open to doing this.

Monica stated that it would be good to have a speaker from the Attorney Generals office. Stanko mentioned that they could help explain disparate impact and relate it to disabilities. After some discussion on disparate impact it was generally agreed that it would be good to have a presentation explaining the recent Supreme Court case regarding disparate impact doctrine.

Theresa James stated that we would discuss speakers and skits during the next meeting.

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 January 13th, 2015 at 2:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Stanko Zovko