

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

[February 10th, 2015]

I. Call to order

Meeting Called to order at 2:02 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
Valerie Sarver – City of Scottsdale

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
Alicia Franco - WACOG

III. Open issues (Old Business)

- a) Minutes from January 13th, 2015 were adopted.

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

Stephanie Smelnick stated that David Quesada, the director of the HUD FHEO office in San Francisco is planning on attending and presenting on behalf of HUD.

The schedule contained in the previous meeting minutes was reviewed and it was found that lunch had been excluded. The members present reassessed the schedule and devised the following for the April event:

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 – 10:10 Break
10:10 – 11:15 David Quezada
11:15 – 12:00 Lunch
12:00 – 12:45 Disparate Impact (Attorney General)
12:45 – 1:30 Reasonable Accommodations (Stanko and Denise Holliday)
1:30 – 2:00 Medical Marijuana (Denise Holliday)
2:00 – 2:15 Final Questions and closing remarks

Stanko Zovko shared information that several organizations had agreed to sponsor the event. The Arizona Department of Housing, The Arizona Association of Realtors, and the City of Tempe have all agreed to provide some monies towards the event.

Matthew Hess reviewed the food options and possible budget for the event. Out of three options that he looked into Jason's Deli was the most affordable. The members present voted that the food will be provided by Jason's Deli this year. Drinks will have to be arranged for separately.

Stanko Zovko shared that he had confirmed with both Deirdre Pfeiffer and Denise Holliday that they will be able to speak at the event. He stated that he and Denise could do a scenario training for reasonable accommodations at the property level. Theresa James stated that she would reach out to the Attorney Generals office to see who would be

The topic of Fair Housing Awards was brought up again. It was unanimously decided that the City of Mesa would receive this year's award for their efforts in spearheading the very successful 'Dare to be Fair' conference. It was decided that there would most likely be a plaque presented. Carissa Cyr had done some research regarding fair housing awards after the previous meeting and shared this with Stanko who stated that he had shared it with other officers but not the group as a whole. After some discussion it was decided that this year will only have one award for the sake of time but more will be added for next year.

Stan Silas mentioned how he would like the issue of criminal history to be mentioned during the disparate impact section. He also stressed that partnership members should be getting the word out to various media outlets and through other means as such as city utility bills. Stanko Zovko mentioned that a paid advertisement on social media might help get the word out as well.

To end the planning session the group reviewed the symposium planner that Theresa James had created to ensure that everything has been assigned. Stanko Zovko stated that he would create a flyer for the event that could be used for distribution.

IV. New Business/Announcements

Adriana Medrano shared that the City of Yuma will be hosting a Fair Housing Festival on March 26th.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:56 p.m.

The next partnership meeting will be held on March 9th, 2015 at 2:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Stanko Zovko