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1 PRESENT:

- 2 John Tague, Facilitator
- 3 Winford Craig
- 4 Sarah Kinter
- 5 Adam Stalcynski
- 6 Lyle Wood
- 7 Jay Dworin
- 8 Kyle Chintalapalli
- 9 David Weber
- 10 Jeff Brooks
- 11 Charles Keenan
- 12 Adelaide Smith
- 13 Jillane McKinley
- 14 Angela Reynolds
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1 the need for better intergovernmental and  
2 organizational cooperation and networking and  
3 a need to expand outreach and education to  
4 housing buyers and consumers.

5 Today we will discuss how the Task  
6 Force will push forward and define those  
7 persons. John Tague will provide a recall of  
8 the steering committee minutes and will  
9 facilitate the remainder of the meetings.

10 Commissioner Tague.

11 MR. TAGUE: Thank you, Winford. Good  
12 morning, everybody. One thing just to  
13 emphasize that -- I know you wrote the names  
14 down, but it's not a bad idea to state your  
15 name before you make any comments, if you  
16 would kindly do that. Now, Sarah reminded me  
17 of that, that's why I mentioned that. The  
18 steering committee met on July 10 at the  
19 Commission on Human Relations' office. The  
20 meeting notes are available on-line and are  
21 also available here today. I think everybody  
22 has a copy of the minutes. If they don't, we  
23 have those available and as I just said, they

1 are on-line also. The steering committee  
2 discussed the role of the committee and other  
3 committees to provide direction to the Task  
4 Force. We decided to adopt Robert's rules of  
5 simplicity and that's my view of we need to  
6 use the rules just to maintain simplicity  
7 into some sort of order. I am not one that  
8 wants to get carried away on the seconds  
9 motions and all that stuff, so I'd like to  
10 keep the things simple just to run the  
11 meeting effectively.

12 In addition to the Robert's Rules, we  
13 also talked about some additional  
14 housekeeping items, such as no talking at the  
15 same time, I think that's common courtesy and  
16 respect, being concise which I guess I will  
17 have to practice what I preach also, so I  
18 promise I will be concise. We are not going  
19 to -- we're not going to spend a lot of time  
20 on this but I did want to talk a little about  
21 what the security committee came up with.  
22 One last point, finally, if someone in the  
23 organization would like to participate in the

1 Task Force and require reasonable  
2 accommodation due to a disability to attend  
3 our meetings such as an interpreter, please  
4 feel free to contact the Commission on Human  
5 Relations person, Sarah Kinter, and we will  
6 gladly set that up for you. The chair of the  
7 Task Force will be a person on the committee  
8 appointed by or volunteering on a quarterly  
9 basis. The person will facilitate the  
10 quarterly full meeting and point out a  
11 contact for the committees. Generally what  
12 we decided to do was that I was first up, so  
13 I'm basically going to facilitate this  
14 meeting or as we said earlier, we have what  
15 actually Sarah developed out of our meeting  
16 which I appreciated very much. Regarding the  
17 membership, the steering committee proposes  
18 that we have diverse membership of this Task  
19 Force which I think we all would agree with  
20 that. Thus, if any person wishes to be part  
21 of the Task Force they simply need to have a  
22 current member make a motion to include them  
23 in the Task Force. The person would require

1 the majority of a 51 percent vote of present  
2 members to then be part of the Task Force.

3 Any questions on that?

4 (No response.)

5 It's just a simple process so that we  
6 can -- we want to be welcoming to all but we  
7 want to make sure that the folks that come  
8 are recommended by members I think which is  
9 important. At this time, I would like to  
10 offer the topic for discussion. If it's  
11 agreed that this should be the process of  
12 becoming a member then we should make a  
13 motion to vote, so that's the formal request,  
14 so what I'd like to see is a motion made to  
15 follow that process and then we will need a  
16 second and if there is any discussion, then a  
17 vote.

18 MS. REYNOLDS: I move that in order  
19 for someone to become a part of the steering  
20 committee that it would be approved by 51  
21 percent of the majority vote.

22 MR. TAGUE: Steering committee?

23 MS. REYNOLDS: Correction, Task

1 Force.

2 MR. TAGUE: Do I have a second?

3 MR. DWORIN: Second.

4 MR. TAGUE: Any discussion? Seeing no  
5 discussion, all in favor?

6 (Round of ayes.)

7 MR. TAGUE: Any opposed?

8 Motion carries. Thank you. In  
9 addition to membership, the steering  
10 committee proposes that the Task Force would  
11 work initially through committees. That is,  
12 work should be done at the committee level  
13 and report it out to the full task force at  
14 quarterly meetings. A handout of additional  
15 proposed committees and definitions has been  
16 printed out and is available in the back of  
17 the room. Does everybody have that?

18 MR. KEENAN: I saw in the notes it  
19 looks like there is four in the notes in the  
20 second page but I didn't get a separate  
21 handout.

22 MR. TAGUE: We had a detailed  
23 conversation.

1 MS. KINTER: They are listed in the  
2 notes.

3 MR. CRAIG: In the additional  
4 handout.

5 MR. TAGUE: So we just want to make  
6 sure you have it. Okay. In the handout, the  
7 proposed committee and definitions have been  
8 printed out and are available in the back of  
9 the room. The committee proposes so far that  
10 steering committee which is made up of six --  
11 I think it's six members, right? I know Jay,  
12 Richard Morris, Adam, John Tague then Caster  
13 Binion and, of course, David Weber is here  
14 representing Caster today and  
15 Dr. Angela Reynolds, and so there were four  
16 that was at the meeting then, of course,  
17 Sarah is there as our administrative support  
18 so that's the steering committee. So anyway,  
19 the steering, the analysis of impediments  
20 committee affordable housing and information  
21 and outreach committees, what I would like,  
22 Adam or Jay, do you have any comments on it  
23 because what we are also going to ask are

1           there any need for any additional committees  
2           and the structure of the committees really  
3           can run kind of like the steering committee,  
4           you don't necessarily have to have a chair of  
5           the committee and so it's not like a member  
6           of the steering committee, that's not our  
7           intention, our intent is to be as inclusive  
8           as possible, so any thoughts on that?

9           MR. STALCYNski: The reason that I  
10          thought that it was important that we have a  
11          separate group or specific group of people  
12          targeting how we put the information together  
13          and how we incorporate the message or how we  
14          determine what the new issues or topics  
15          should be, should be something that's  
16          strategic that if new issues come up where we  
17          are cooperating with the right partners if  
18          issues change over time, we have a mechanism  
19          to bring in new partners and update a message  
20          and how we are going to get messages out to  
21          all the members, should be coordinated, so  
22          it's just something that needs a little  
23          thought and planning behind it so I -- I want

1 to be part of it, but I also want to have a  
2 couple of people who I can routinely count  
3 on.

4 MR. DWORIN: When we spoke at the last  
5 meeting I had spoken with respect to if we  
6 are doing it for the fair housing and in  
7 doing such that we are looking at the  
8 analysis as related to the action so I think  
9 when we got together, we are not looking to  
10 do one or the other committee, but more so  
11 that we are able to look at the existing  
12 analysis as well as the action planning,  
13 seeing whether or not we are actually  
14 succeeding in what we are saying that we want  
15 to do, so in our conversation as the steering  
16 committee, it seemed like a good idea and one  
17 that obviously will take involvement from  
18 members so to John's point, I think looking  
19 just for people who are interested in that  
20 who would like to participate in that process  
21 and leadership instruction, I think it can  
22 come as we get together more than anything,  
23 just work together and see what we can do

1 with this.

2 MR. TAGUE: Any additional comments?

3 MS. REYNOLDS: I have a question, so I  
4 assume as it always happens that there will,  
5 there will be some overlap between what's  
6 being discussed in the A.I. committee,  
7 Analysis of Impediments, and the affordable  
8 housing committee, is there a place for where  
9 that comes together?

10 MS. KINTER: Yes, so initially I think  
11 when we spoke at this hearing we talked about  
12 having individuals that do work then at the  
13 full task force meeting like someone is doing  
14 today, read what is it is that they talked  
15 about at the committees and that will be the  
16 place to sort of discuss what they talked  
17 about, what their ideas were and bring things  
18 up to motion.

19 MS. REYNOLDS: Thank you.

20 MR. TAGUE: Thank you. One of the  
21 things are there any additional committees  
22 that we might want to consider because what  
23 we will have is a formal vote on the

1 structure of these committees that we agree  
2 that these are the committees, is there any  
3 additional committees that we think we need  
4 or do people need to think about that a  
5 little bit because we can again revisit, it's  
6 not like it's a dead issue, if it comes up  
7 later we need another committee we can do  
8 that but again, we have to staff the  
9 committees, too, we have to and I'm assuming  
10 and I'm not sure, are you going to -- what's  
11 your involvement going to be with this,  
12 Sarah, as far as if the committee --

13 MS. KINTER: I'll do everything -- no.

14 MR. TAGUE: People would like that you  
15 do everything.

16 MS. KINTER: So for today, what I did  
17 is printed out all the committees that were  
18 agreed upon at the steering committee for a  
19 sign-up day for everything to sort of decide  
20 if you want to do the information outreach.  
21 As for my part, I will probably stick to  
22 information outreach so that I can assist in  
23 getting out E-mails from the committees,

1 making sure that the steering committee is  
2 aware of what's going on at the committee  
3 level so that when you guys create the agenda  
4 and you have the meetings, everyone can talk  
5 about it.

6 MR. STALCYNski: The information  
7 committee can also be the repository for  
8 anything that comes out of separate issues.

9 MR. TAGUE: All right.

10 MR. STALCYNski: Central, central  
11 gathering.

12 MR. TAGUE: I just want to make sure  
13 that there is another committee that can  
14 because there needs to be notes coming out of  
15 that committee and who's going to be  
16 responsible for that. I mean, I'm sure that  
17 some folks have staff that can help with that  
18 if they so desire, but that's something  
19 that's important because again, we can't  
20 expect Sarah to do all of this, it would  
21 become overwhelming plus doing her regular  
22 job, right?

23 MS. McKINLEY: Yes.

1 MR. TAGUE: You would second that,  
2 right?

3 MS. MCKINLEY: I'll make the motion.

4 MR. STALCYNSKI: The PHRC is willing  
5 to enlist someone to help with that.

6 MS. MCKINLEY: Each committee should  
7 have someone taking notes and then forward  
8 that information to Sarah Kinter.

9 MR. TAGUE: Okay. So let's first of  
10 all, I think we are agreeing to that, what  
11 I'd like to do is to have -- I am not going  
12 to make separate motions for each committee  
13 but I'd like to have a motion to approve the  
14 recommendation of the steering committee on  
15 these four committees. Do I have a motion?

16 MR. CHINTALAPALLI: I'll make the  
17 motion.

18 MR. TAGUE: Motion to second?

19 MS. KINTER: Second.

20 MR. TAGUE: I have a second. All in  
21 favor or any discussion? Seeing no  
22 additional discussion, all in favor, aye?

23 (Round of ayes.)

1           Opposed?

2           Seeing no, we have our committee  
3 structure and again, like I said, if we need  
4 to have another committee we can do that.

5           MS. MCKINLEY: Could we name the  
6 committees so they can be on record?

7           MR. TAGUE: Sure, it's hard to do  
8 that, I started to do that, the steering  
9 committee, analysis of impediments,  
10 affordable housing, and information and  
11 outreach. Those are the four committees.  
12 Now, talk a little bit about the -- there is  
13 also a list of proposed tasks completed by  
14 the committees adopted today by the full  
15 meeting to be held in December, our next full  
16 Task Force meeting will be in December. And  
17 the committee task includes meeting once  
18 before the full task force committee meeting  
19 in December, assign a person to take notes,  
20 assign a person to read out the committee's  
21 discussion at the next meeting so in other  
22 words, the steering committee will probably  
23 meet so whoever is -- I think are you on that

1 one, Adam, or is Jay up next?

2 MR. DWORIN: I am happy to.

3 MR. STALCYNski: Okay, we didn't say  
4 you can go next, I'll go after.

5 MR. TAGUE: Anyway, so okay, Jay,  
6 you'll do that. Now, one of the things as  
7 far as the contact of the steering committee  
8 by November 2014 if you have an agenda topic  
9 we will read out at the 2014, what I think  
10 might be helpful, Jay, is since you're doing  
11 the next meeting, make sure you copy Sarah on  
12 everything but I think if you are contacting  
13 Jay and if you want to provide contact  
14 information we can do that.

15 Okay. At this time, I would like to  
16 offer a topic for discussion. For each  
17 additional committee task, please discuss and  
18 one must make a motion and second it, adopt  
19 into the full Task Force. In addition, I  
20 would like to gather your input for  
21 additional committees, we have already talked  
22 about that. So anyway, we are going to have  
23 some discussion on the committees. Is that

1 what we were talking about, Sarah?

2 MS. KINTER: We did.

3 MR. TAGUE: Then finally, the steering  
4 committee discussed need for transparency in  
5 all Task Force meetings. This is why it's  
6 important for each committee as a person to  
7 take notes and that those notes are reviewed  
8 by members of the committee before they are  
9 being brought to the full Task Force, so in  
10 other words, I'm assuming that those would be  
11 sent out by E-mail and people will review it  
12 if they have any comments, and again, what we  
13 want is obviously for disclosure and we, the  
14 steering committee, talked about that. Also,  
15 if you feel you have some sort of conflict of  
16 interest, just basically should note that and  
17 then we can decide whether we think it's  
18 important enough for you to recuse yourself  
19 on the discussion. In addition to  
20 transparency, it's important to resolve any  
21 conflicts of interest which may arise which  
22 is what I just said. I believe that we  
23 answered the discussion questions listed on

1 the agenda so far except the last, are there  
2 any offers for space time for the December  
3 meeting?

4 MR. STALCYNSKI: It's pretty easy for  
5 us to find a room, this room or the one  
6 upstairs as long as we have a little bit of  
7 time to block it off so as long as we are in  
8 this building it's --

9 MS. CHRISTINA: Anybody can come to  
10 McKeesport.

11 MR. STALCYNSKI: I think there, I  
12 definitely think there were certain  
13 initiatives where we would want to be present  
14 in the community, in a specific community or  
15 to address a specific issue to show presence  
16 and visibility, we should consider that.

17 MR. TAGUE: Such as McKeesport.

18 MR. STALCYNSKI: Such as McKeesport or  
19 a particular -- if we identified that but as  
20 a fail safe location we have this room or the  
21 one upstairs.

22 MS. CHRISTINA: We are going to start  
23 our new analysis and impediments next year so

1 if everybody came to visit us in  
2 December . . .

3 MR. STALCYNski: There is no one from  
4 Southwest Legal Services here today but I  
5 know they have several initiatives through  
6 us.

7 MR. TAGUE: So members that are not  
8 here will have an opportunity to sign up for the  
9 committees that we set up, right?

10 MS. KINTER: Yeah, I have a sign-up  
11 sheet here for the December committees and when we  
12 are done today, hopefully we can break into those  
13 committees just to sort of make a date to meet  
14 before the December meeting and it might be useful  
15 to sort of decide do we want that meeting at the  
16 beginning of the month or middle of the month.

17 MR. TAGUE: Normally in December you  
18 run into a lot of -- there is folks that don't  
19 even meet in December or have committee meetings  
20 in December but I think at the beginning of the  
21 month, would you agree to that?

22 MR. DWORIN: We close down for the  
23 last week of December, we are moving right about

1 that time so we start parking up everything.

2 MR. TAGUE: We can meet at your new  
3 place.

4 MR. DWORIN: As soon as we figure out  
5 our new place.

6 MS. CHRISTINA: The whole period of  
7 time between Thanksgiving and Christmas, well  
8 even, you know, New Years is really sketchy.

9 MS. KINTER: Is January better then?

10 MS. CHRISTINA: We have a tremendous  
11 difficult time getting people together during  
12 those times.

13 MS. MCKINLEY: January would be  
14 better.

15 MR. TAGUE: January 1st.

16 MR. STALCYNski: You said you're  
17 wrapping it up or just wrapped it up, your  
18 analysis?

19 MS. KINTER: We have the 2013 that we  
20 are going to start then put out an RFP for that.

21 MR. STALCYNski: I was wondering what  
22 information might be coming out between now and  
23 January and if that mattered and if a little extra

1 time to see.

2 MS. CHRISTINA: We won't be starting  
3 until next year.

4 MR. WEBER: That's for the county.

5 MS. KINTER: McKeesport.

6 MR. STALCYNSKI: I think a little more  
7 time would help many of us.

8 MR. TAGUE: So coming back to the  
9 meeting we have -- are we not, we are going, we  
10 are looking at a meeting in January?

11 MR. CRAIG: Third week.

12 MR. TAGUE: So the point is we need to  
13 set a meeting date while we are all here, although  
14 there is people not here, so do we want to send  
15 out some notices with some available dates? How  
16 do you want --

17 MS. KINTER: I can do that. What I can  
18 do is just send out some possible dates in January  
19 during the second and third week. Do we like  
20 morning or afternoon, is the morning okay?

21 MR. TAGUE: One of the things also  
22 there is Meeting Wizard, there is a number of ways  
23 to put the information out there. You generally

1 go with the consensus on those things so that's  
2 another alcove to approach the members. Is there,  
3 I guess if I understand what we are going to do  
4 next is I will ask if there is any additional or  
5 new business that you want to bring before the  
6 Task Force? One of the things you just mentioned,  
7 the intention is to break up into the committees,  
8 people want to choose committees now, there is the  
9 issue of I'd like to serve on two committees, I  
10 wouldn't recommend serving on four committees but  
11 so and again, I think there will be notes and  
12 stuff that will be forthcoming so people can read  
13 that and all the meetings are open meaning that  
14 even if you are not a member of the committee  
15 doesn't mean you can't come to the meetings, it's  
16 like that goes back to the idea of transparency,  
17 we need to be as transparent as -- I don't want to  
18 say transparent, but that leaves it open for  
19 something not to be transparent I guess. I'd like  
20 to thank everybody for their participation in our  
21 Task Force. Are there any, again, any parting  
22 thoughts?

23 MR. KEENAN: I just wanted to know

1 what the affordable housing committee, what was  
2 the basic rationale behind that committee and  
3 what's the purpose of it? It's a broad statement.

4 MS. KINTER: So at the steering  
5 committee Richard Morris, who is not here today,  
6 talked a little about the affordable housing and  
7 the need for any analysis of impediments or any  
8 future department regarding affordable housing to  
9 be looked at very broadly so there is not a lot of  
10 direction for that committee, but it's something  
11 that was identified both in the initial meeting  
12 and in the steering committee as something that  
13 the Task Force should be looking at the committee  
14 for affordable housing.

15 MR. STALCYNski: I think the  
16 conversation was centered around some of the  
17 initiatives on the land bank issues, new  
18 developments in the work, where would this Task  
19 Force be in terms of being a voice in policy  
20 decisions while they are being made before key  
21 decisions are being made or whatever ramifications  
22 of recent decisions, and I think keeping eyes and  
23 ears on where the next new development actions are

1 happening, resource allocation, Government,  
2 private sector.

3 MR. TAGUE: Jay, do you want --  
4 anything you want to add?

5 MR. DWORIN: No, I don't have  
6 anything.

7 MR. STALCYNKI: Maybe if there is a  
8 way to link using that committee as a way to  
9 connect community concerns with the policy  
10 decisions for planning are we in a position to  
11 facilitate that dialogue or make some of those  
12 connections?

13 MR. CRAIG: Should it be a separate  
14 committee? This is just a thought, should it be a  
15 separate committee on policy making for these,  
16 that's going to be a big issue coming up. There  
17 is not a lot of information on it right now, they  
18 have a temporary board as far as land banking  
19 board, but that's going to be really big and it's  
20 going to affect a lot of communities that maybe we  
21 should be a part of at least looking at it, so my  
22 question is should there be a separate committee  
23 for policy similar to so we can constantly take a

1 look at land banking and issues that are coming  
2 up, not the reactive, but proactive.

3 MR. TAGUE: Thoughts?

4 MS. SMITH: Should you develop a  
5 policy after you reviewed the information or  
6 should you develop a policy before, before you get  
7 into it.

8 MR. CRAIG: No, the policy committee  
9 is to be on top of things to review what is coming  
10 down, for example, like land banking that's in the  
11 infantile stage, it's not good to get into  
12 something on the band wagon but to be part of the  
13 that band wagon, for example, one of the  
14 committees that they are looking at is Homewood  
15 among other communities, Homewood is going to be  
16 affected more so, are you going to upstage that  
17 whole committee when people increase the housing  
18 and those individuals not be able to afford it, so  
19 what I'm saying here, should we take a hard look  
20 at policy now, what is being developed, be on top  
21 of it, continue our dialogue with the community as  
22 well as Government agencies that's a part of it,  
23 should this be a separate committee that we can

1 move forward and look at things while they are  
2 happening, not after they have happened.

3 MR. CHINTALAPALLI: My question would  
4 be whether it needs to be a separate committee or  
5 whether the individual committees could look at  
6 those policies through the lens of affordable  
7 housing, through the lens of analysis of  
8 impediments as opposed to having a dedicated  
9 policy committee, I don't know, I think if that  
10 happens the committee may end -- or the task force  
11 may end up becoming too broad as opposed to its  
12 mission. I understand what you are saying with  
13 respect to the land bank, but that that is really  
14 through the affordable housing lens range as  
15 opposed to just broadly.

16 MR. TAGUE: Question, what could be  
17 the role of the steering committee in this?

18 MR. CHINTALAPALLI: That's a good  
19 question.

20 MR. TAGUE: Jay?

21 MR. DWORIN: You keep coming to me.

22 MR. CRAIG: You always answer.

23 MR. DWORIN: I have a whole separate

1 thought in my head right now so I am letting it  
2 play out a little bit.

3 MR. TAGUE: Adam, do you have any --

4 MR. STALCYNski: I think if the  
5 committee has a specific initiative that they are  
6 looking at, concerns whether it's an organization  
7 of individuals or there is a policy, a pending  
8 policy or a new policy in place and there are some  
9 specific policy initiative that the task force  
10 will move on then the committee should request  
11 that policy advocacy or policy review should be a  
12 potential action that comes out of their  
13 committee, so it should be a tool that they use to  
14 either assess a policy, enact it or advocate or  
15 discuss the policy makers to see what the  
16 decisions will be.

17 MR. TAGUE: So back to your point, you  
18 think it should be part of a committee?

19 MS. McKINLEY: At the time it's  
20 needed.

21 MR. STALCYNski: At the time it's  
22 needed.

23 MR. TAGUE: You had mentioned land

1 bank, what if we have an ad hoc committee for land  
2 banking because it is going to be, as you said, a  
3 major issues and there is a lot of unanswered  
4 questions, even though there is legislation there  
5 is a temporary committee in place but so which  
6 direction do we want to go on this?

7 MS. KINTER: I'll just comment briefly  
8 that we are already somewhat spread thin as far as  
9 committees goes, there is only so many of us here  
10 and I agree with what Kyle was saying that when  
11 you are looking, it would be interesting when we  
12 come together for the whole task meeting to look  
13 at that issue through the lens of the analysis of  
14 impediments committee, through the lens of the  
15 affordable housing committee because you are going  
16 to see bigger concerns I think and some other  
17 concerns from that so I don't know, maybe not  
18 necessarily having a separate committee.

19 MR. TAGUE: Angela, what are your  
20 thoughts?

21 MS. REYNOLDS: I'm actually of the  
22 belief that it should be integrated into the  
23 committees then that way it can be brought back to

1 the table, however, not to put something else out  
2 there, it would be useful if there were some type  
3 of briefing that could be presented at the  
4 steering committee level so that we can understand  
5 what the issues are.

6 MR. TAGUE: So we have to organize,  
7 the steering committee has to organize something  
8 to get someone to come and talk about, is that  
9 what we are talking about, come to the steering  
10 committee, next steering committee meeting and  
11 talk about this?

12 MS. REYNOLDS: If it's an important  
13 issue I would -- there are already people working  
14 on this, I will just say this, so rather than us  
15 getting into our subcommittees and discussing land  
16 banking policy from the start, why don't we bring  
17 in one of those organizations like the Housing  
18 Alliance or someone who has this on your topic and  
19 has spent many hours or send a rep from Action  
20 Housing who's been very much involved in this to  
21 participate and then that way can be more focused  
22 in our discussion. That's my view.

23 MR. DWORIN: So is it fair to say

1    though that looking at the role of the committees  
2    then we are saying we are not looking to creating  
3    a new committee, we are looking for the existing  
4    committees to identify issues and policy then from  
5    there if the steering committees sees from the  
6    existing committees that there is a policy of  
7    concern, it's your point, Angela, that we would  
8    bring in somebody that can then brief us because  
9    some of these things as Angela said, you live and  
10   work at this for a long time, to start where you  
11   don't have the resources or in some cases the  
12   expertise to even realistically attempt it so I  
13   think from my position I would agree with Kyle in  
14   terms of the location of the policy issue but I  
15   would also bring up one other just very quick  
16   point, I say quick, which is the choice  
17   neighborhood and whether or not, you know, we are  
18   going to look at the role of fair housing as it  
19   relates to the grant that was just announced and  
20   their role in whether or not affirmative fair  
21   housing is being viewed in every decision that  
22   they are making and how they are taking that money  
23   and investing that money, so I don't know if that

1 is then a whole separate can that I am opening or  
2 if it's one that falls inside of the existing  
3 committee, so that's what I was thinking about the  
4 entire time you were asking, so but to me, I think  
5 this is something that we need to look at with  
6 seriousness in the role of affirmative, friendly  
7 fair housing.

8 MR. TAGUE: So would this, what are  
9 your thoughts, Winford, you brought it up.

10 MR. CRAIG: Just to put it out there  
11 because I thought it was extremely important and  
12 we can address it now or we can address it later,  
13 it's going to affect communities and if we were  
14 looking at affordable housing analysis and housing  
15 impediments we are looking at all those issues, we  
16 are going to look at it now, we can bring people  
17 in, like Angela has stated, but we need to take a  
18 look at it and I'm not -- my thing is, I guess my  
19 focus is that don't wait until something happens,  
20 if you are on the front end of it you can help to  
21 steer it, you can look at it, you can have some  
22 input in it, I just want us to be familiar with  
23 what is coming down and being able to address it

1 either now or at least understand that it is an  
2 issue.

3 MR. TAGUE: What if we basically at  
4 the next meeting in January -- at the January 1st  
5 meeting, just kidding -- the January meeting that  
6 we invite someone in to talk about that issue to  
7 the full Task Force and then the committee that  
8 are here are going to hear all of that stuff also  
9 and we can work on this as more of a committee in  
10 the whole on a particular issue like this, we can  
11 bring issues before the full Task Force, does that  
12 work?

13 MS. MCKINLEY: I'm looking at the  
14 committees that we have, could we not allow the  
15 committees to look into that, see as to where it  
16 falls under them then that way they could come  
17 back to us and say this is what we wish to do.

18 MR. TAGUE: That makes sense.

19 MR. STALCYNski: I agree, I think the  
20 objective of the committees and the reason they  
21 should be setting the priority for the Task Force,  
22 they are the ones that should push the individual  
23 issue or issues to the forefront of our action,

1 our agenda, so it's up to those of you deciding  
2 what you want to focus your time and energy on  
3 then you should be thinking about the specific  
4 issue want to push this Task Force towards.

5 MR. TAGUE: So we are not going to  
6 create a separate committee that -- it's going to  
7 bubble up through our committee structure, right,  
8 is that what we are looking at what they consider  
9 to be the issues and I'm not saying land banking  
10 wouldn't be an issue because it's a huge issue but  
11 there are other issues out there as you pointed  
12 out, Jay, so that works.

13 MR. CRAIG: I think we are in the  
14 beginning stages of this Task Force as well and  
15 you know, everything is on that not written in  
16 stone, if the need arises as we are moving  
17 forward, we investigate, we look at it, if the  
18 need arises that we must form a committee on that  
19 instead of let it go down the road. The only  
20 thing I am saying here, I will just keep my eyes  
21 open and take a look at this.

22 MR. TAGUE: So I mean it is open to  
23 discussion, maybe the committees that have already

1 formed including the steering committee look at  
2 the issue and then determine what we think we need  
3 to do, how does it fall within the affordable  
4 housing realm, how does it fall within the  
5 impediments, does that work, everybody agreed on  
6 that, is that the way we have moved forward then?  
7 David, you look like you have a question.

8 MR. WEBER: No, I was agreeing.

9 MR. TAGUE: Anyway, unless there is  
10 any further discussion I think we can call the  
11 meeting to a close and we will have to set a  
12 December meeting and we will know better later.  
13 Thank you.

14 MS. RAIBLE: Diane Raible from  
15 Eastbrook Housing Authority. On September 5th the  
16 Eastbrook Housing Authority will be hosting  
17 Senator Hughs from the Philadelphia area and  
18 Senator Brewster, they are co-supporters of a bill  
19 that will be voted on in January in the Senate for  
20 housing preference for veterans in the Housing  
21 Choice Program and the Public Housing Program,  
22 it's going to be a roundtable with many of the  
23 legislators and community groups and

1 representation from the veterans' organizations.  
2 If anybody here would like to attend, if you'd  
3 like to talk with me after the meeting I'd be  
4 happy to put you on the agenda to get the invite  
5 so that you can attend. I'm sorry, but I am  
6 coordinating a meeting right now that I don't have  
7 all the details on, I am hoping to have things  
8 such as time and that by the close of business  
9 today but right now we are targeting either a  
10 10:00 to 12:00 with a luncheon afterwards or a  
11 lunch then an afternoon meeting for approximately  
12 an hour or two. This will be filmed and played on  
13 PCNC and the local media, we are anticipating  
14 quite a large group of people.

15 MR. TAGUE: Where is it going to be?

16 MS. RAIBLE: It's going to be at the  
17 Senator James Brewster Community Center, Eastbrook  
18 Housing Authority, and I can provide the  
19 directions and it's on George F. Young Drive but  
20 you won't find that on Google so I can provide  
21 that. I can provide the details.

22 MR. TAGUE: Can Sarah send anything  
23 out to the committee with a contact information?

1 MS. SMITH: Can you also tell us  
2 what -- when it was going to be broadcast in case  
3 we can't attend?

4 MS. RAIBLE: Yes, I'll do that, I am  
5 hoping they tell me what time we are going to do  
6 this.

7 MS. SMITH: I know, I know. But if we  
8 could get that information. Thank you.

9 MR. TAGUE: At least you told us to  
10 save the date, that's the main thing.

11 MS. KINTER: Is today the meeting that  
12 I can adopt another participant, can I make a  
13 motion to adopt a participant?

14 MR. TAGUE: We are going to adopt  
15 somebody?

16 MS. KINTER: Into our Task Force.

17 MR. TAGUE: I thought, did you talk to  
18 your husband about this yet?

19 MS. KINTER: Can I do that today? We  
20 passed it, yes, so Reverend Leonard is here, she  
21 works with the Equality Pittsburgh and she  
22 assisted us in a fair housing training, she did a  
23 great job, Jillane was there talking about fair

1 housing and discrimination based by the LGBT  
2 committee and I think she would be a great  
3 addition to the Task Force and I'm glad you made  
4 it, so I would like to make a motion to adopt.

5 MR. TAGUE: So anyway, you are making  
6 that a motion, what I'm wondering about is should  
7 the Reverend be in the room when we are having a  
8 discussion? Anyway, so you have made a motion, is  
9 there a second to --

10 MR. DWORIN: I would second that  
11 motion.

12 MR. TAGUE: Discussion? Is there any  
13 more that you want to add, Sarah?

14 MS. KINTER: No.

15 MR. TAGUE: Folks around the table  
16 know her that -- well, anybody that knows her?

17 MR. CHINTALAPALLI: Could we hear from  
18 her?

19 MR. TAGUE: That's great, if you want  
20 her to come back then we will have a vote after,  
21 does that work?

22 REVEREND LEONARD: Can I start with  
23 first of all, I apologize with my lateness, my

1 partner's car had decided to die and we are  
2 sharing a car and I also parked and got into an  
3 accident and hit a wall as I was parking, so I  
4 apologize for running late.

5 I do for work for Equality  
6 Pennsylvania, I have been doing that since  
7 January. We are working right now to get House  
8 Bill Senate 300 which is an amendment to the Human  
9 Relations Act passed, and I should say, I am also  
10 a reverend, a pastor of an inclusive church, the  
11 only one in Pittsburgh which is 30 years old. I  
12 don't know what else I should say. I am from  
13 Philadelphia. I have been here now, this is my  
14 18th year in Pittsburgh, so.

15 MR. TAGUE: Another three years,  
16 you'll qualify.

17 MS. REYNOLDS: Can you talk about the  
18 people you serve?

19 REVEREND LEONARD: I am in the western  
20 PA Regional Organization so I am organizing from  
21 Erie to Washington County, I have five areas that  
22 I focus on, Pittsburgh, Erie, Butler, Washington  
23 and Westmoreland County, so those people, probably

1 regional areas we are working to get groups of  
2 people who are working for equality and doesn't  
3 necessarily mean we don't look to outlining areas,  
4 but those are our five target areas so just to add  
5 onto that too, I am the Western PA regional  
6 organizer but we also have organizers in central  
7 PA, Northeast, Southeast, then a statewide  
8 organizer as well.

9 MR. TAGUE: Can you talk a little bit  
10 about housing?

11 REVEREND LEONARD: Sure. Fair housing  
12 you mean?

13 MR. TAGUE: Fair housing, affordable  
14 housing, anything that -- along the lines of  
15 housing that the Task Force would be interested in  
16 working on. If you are going to be a member of  
17 the task force, I want to get your take on those  
18 issues.

19 REVEREND LEONARD: That's actually  
20 part of one of the areas that are people are being  
21 discriminated against and that's one of the main  
22 focus of the bill because people across our state  
23 are still being denied housing, jobs and services

1 simply based on who they are and so housing is a  
2 huge component of what we are finding. We have  
3 had cases across the state, not so much in  
4 Allegheny County but in Pittsburgh because this is  
5 an area that already has the ordinance because  
6 other areas across the State, we are working to  
7 make sure people -- we have people kicked out of  
8 housing because of who they are and so equal and  
9 fair housing is very much a part of what I do on a  
10 regular basis every day for Washington, PA,  
11 Westmoreland, Butler, all the other areas I work  
12 in, this is my reality, so it's something that I  
13 do every day, does that answer your question? I  
14 want to make sure I answer it.

15 MR. TAGUE: Any questions before we  
16 ask the Reverend to leave again? Okay. No  
17 additional questions, then we are going to take a  
18 vote, that's why --

19 REVEREND LEONARD: Thank you.

20 (Reverend Leonard steps out.)

21 MR. TAGUE: Any thought?

22 MR. STALCYNski: Very good addition.  
23 Just coming from the Statewide perspective, glad

1 to see that there is more part of this Task Force  
2 in the expanded regions.

3 MR. TAGUE: Glad we have no problems  
4 in Allegheny County. You know we are blessed  
5 compared to other cities, no doubt, but still  
6 there is a lot of things that go on.

7 All right. So we have had discussion,  
8 all in favor of her appointment to the full Task  
9 Force?

10 (Round of eyes.)

11 Objections?

12 (No response.)

13 Hearing none, she is a new member so  
14 she can come back in. We won't make her leave  
15 again.

16 (Reverend Leonard now present.)

17 MR. TAGUE: All right. Well, welcome  
18 aboard. Any parting thoughts? Then we are going  
19 to break into groups and talk about the  
20 committees, people that want to serve on certain  
21 committees.

22 MS. REYNOLDS: Should we have a  
23 sign-up first? Are we going to sign up where we

1 are going to be?

2 MR. TAGUE: All right, let's do that.

3 MS. REYNOLDS: One last thing just so  
4 the Reverend understands what we are talking about  
5 and don't leave her sitting here, we want to tell  
6 her what we are about to break into because she  
7 wasn't here.

8 MS. KINTER: We are going to break  
9 into a series of committees and people are signing  
10 up for committees that they are interested in  
11 participating and we have four committees listed  
12 today, the affordable housing committee, the  
13 analysis of the impediments committee, the  
14 information outreach committee, and the steering  
15 committee. We will meet in four corners of the  
16 room, have a meeting, and that's about it.

17 MS. SMITH: Do you want to designate  
18 the corners?

19 MS. KINTER: Steering committee will  
20 be by John, information committee will be with me  
21 over in the public hearing box, affordable housing  
22 will be with Lyle, and analysis of impediments  
23 will be with Adelaide. Is that good?



