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David Weber
Jeff Brooks
Charles Keenan
Adelaide Smith
Jillane McKinley
Angela Reynolds
Diane Raible
Angelina Christina
the need for better intergovernmental and
organizational cooperation and networking and
a need to expand outreach and education to
housing buyers and consumers.

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

Commissioner Tague.

MR. TAGUE: Thank you, Winford. Good
morning, everybody. One thing just to
emphasize that -- I know you wrote the names
down, but it's not a bad idea to state your
name before you make any comments, if you
would kindly do that. Now, Sarah reminded me
of that, that's why I mentioned that. The
steering committee met on July 10 at the
Commission on Human Relations' office. The
meeting notes are available on-line and are
also available here today. I think everybody
has a copy of the minutes. If they don't, we
have those available and as I just said, they
are on-line also. The steering committee
discussed the role of the committee and other
committees to provide direction to the Task
Force. We decided to adopt Robert's rules of
simplicity and that's my view of we need to
use the rules just to maintain simplicity
into some sort of order. I am not one that
wants to get carried away on the seconds
motions and all that stuff, so I'd like to
keep the things simple just to run the
meeting effectively.

In addition to the Robert's Rules, we
also talked about some additional
housekeeping items, such as no talking at the
same time, I think that's common courtesy and
respect, being concise which I guess I will
have to practice what I preach also, so I
promise I will be concise. We are not going
to -- we're not going to spend a lot of time
on this but I did want to talk a little about
what the security committee came up with.
One last point, finally, if someone in the
organization would like to participate in the
Task Force and require reasonable accommodation due to a disability to attend our meetings such as an interpreter, please feel free to contact the Commission on Human Relations person, Sarah Kinter, and we will gladly set that up for you. The chair of the Task Force will be a person on the committee appointed by or volunteering on a quarterly basis. The person will facilitate the quarterly full meeting and point out a contact for the committees. Generally what we decided to do was that I was first up, so I'm basically going to facilitate this meeting or as we said earlier, we have what actually Sarah developed out of our meeting which I appreciated very much. Regarding the membership, the steering committee proposes that we have diverse membership of this Task Force which I think we all would agree with that. Thus, if any person wishes to be part of the Task Force they simply need to have a current member make a motion to include them in the Task Force. The person would require
the majority of a 51 percent vote of present members to then be part of the Task Force.
Any questions on that?
(No response.)

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

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

MR. TAGUE: Steering committee?

MS. REYNOLDS: Correction, Task
MR. TAGUE: Do I have a second?

MR. DWORIN: Second.

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

(Round of ayes.)

MR. TAGUE: Any opposed?

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

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

MR. TAGUE: We had a detailed conversation.
MS. KINTER: They are listed in the
notes.

MR. CRAIG: In the additional
handout.

MR. TAGUE: So we just want to make
sure you have it. Okay. In the handout, the
proposed committee and definitions have been
printed out and are available in the back of
the room. The committee proposes so far that
steering committee which is made up of six --
I think it's six members, right? I know Jay,
Richard Morris, Adam, John Tague then Caster
Binion and, of course, David Weber is here
representing Caster today and
Dr. Angela Reynolds, and so there were four
that was at the meeting then, of course,
Sarah is there as our administrative support
so that's the steering committee. So anyway,
the steering, the analysis of impediments
committee affordable housing and information
and outreach committees, what I would like,
Adam or Jay, do you have any comments on it
because what we are also going to ask are
there any need for any additional committees and the structure of the committees really can run kind of like the steering committee, you don't necessarily have to have a chair of the committee and so it's not like a member of the steering committee, that's not our intention, our intent is to be as inclusive as possible, so any thoughts on that?

MR. STALCYNISKI: The reason that I thought that it was important that we have a separate group or specific group of people targeting how we put the information together and how we incorporate the message or how we determine what the new issues or topics should be, should be something that's strategic that if new issues come up where we are cooperating with the right partners if issues change over time, we have a mechanism to bring it new partners and update a message and how we are going to get messages out to all the members, should be coordinated, so it's just something that needs a little thought and planning behind it so I -- I want
to be part of it, but I also want to have a couple of people who I can routinely count on.

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

MR. TAGUE: Any additional comments?

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

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

MS. REYNOLDS: Thank you.

MR. TAGUE: Thank you. One of the things are there any additional committees that we might want to consider because what we will have is a formal vote on the
structure of these committees that we agree that these are the committees, is there any additional committees that we think we need or do people need to think about that a little bit because we can again revisit, it's not like it's a dead issue, if it comes up later we need another committee we can do that but again, we have to staff the committees, too, we have to and I'm assuming and I'm not sure, are you going to -- what's your involvement going to be with this, Sarah, as far as if the committee --

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

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

MS. KINTER: So for today, what I did is printed out all the committees that were agreed upon at the steering committee for a sign-up day for everything to sort of decide if you want to do the information outreach. As for my part, I will probably stick to information outreach so that I can assist in getting out E-mails from the committees,
making sure that the steering committee is aware of what's going on at the committee level so that when you guys create the agenda and you have the meetings, everyone can talk about it.

MR. STALCYN SKI: The information committee can also be the repository for anything that comes out of separate issues.

MR. TAGUE: All right.

MR. STALCYN SKI: Central, central gathering.

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

MS. McKINLEY: Yes.
MR. TAGUE: You would second that, right?

MS. MCKINLEY: I'll make the motion.

MR. STALCYNISKI: The PHRC is willing to enlist someone to help with that.

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

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

MR. CHINTALAPALLI: I'll make the motion.

MR. TAGUE: Motion to second?

MS. KINTER: Second.

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

(Round of ayes.)
Opposed?

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

MS. McKinley: Could we name the committees so they can be on record?

MR. Tague: Sure, it's hard to do that, I started to do that, the steering committee, analysis of impediments, affordable housing, and information and outreach. Those are the four committees. Now, talk a little bit about the -- there is also a list of proposed tasks completed by the committees adopted today by the full meeting to be held in December, our next full Task Force meeting will be in December. And the committee task includes meeting once before the full task force committee meeting in December, assign a person to take notes, assign a person to read out the committee's discussion at the next meeting so in other words, the steering committee will probably meet so whoever is -- I think are you on that
one, Adam, or is Jay up next?

MR. DWORIN: I am happy to.

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

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

Okay. At this time, I would like to
offer a topic for discussion. For each
additional committee task, please discuss and
one must make a motion and second it, adopt
into the full Task Force. In addition, I
would like to gather your input for
additional committees, we have already talked
about that. So anyway, we are going to have
some discussion on the committees. Is that
what we were talking about, Sarah?

Ms. KINTER: We did.

Mr. TAGUE: Then finally, the steering committee discussed need for transparency in all Task Force meetings. This is why it's important for each committee as a person to take notes and that those notes are reviewed by members of the committee before they are being brought to the full Task Force, so in other words, I'm assuming that those would be sent out by E-mail and people will review it if they have any comments, and again, what we want is obviously for disclosure and we, the steering committee, talked about that. Also, if you feel you have some sort of conflict of interest, just basically should note that and then we can decide whether we think it's important enough for you to recuse yourself on the discussion. In addition to transparency, it's important to resolve any conflicts of interest which may arise which is what I just said. I believe that we answered the discussion questions listed on...
the agenda so far except the last, are there any offers for space time for the December meeting?

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

MS. CHRISTINA: Anybody can come to McKeesport.

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

MR. TAGUE: Such as McKeesport.

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

MS. CHRISTINA: We are going to start our new analysis and impediments next year so
if everybody came to visit us in December . . .

MR. STALCYNISKI: There is no one from Southwest Legal Services here today but I know they have several initiatives through us.

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

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

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

MR. DWORIN: We close down for the last week of December, we are moving right about
that time so we start parking up everything.

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

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

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

MS. KINTER: Is January better then?

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

MS. MCKINLEY: January would be
better.

MR. TAGUE: January 1st.

MR. STALCYNISKI: You said you're
wrapping it up or just wrapped it up, your
analysis?

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

MR. STALCYNISKI: I was wondering what
information might be coming out between now and
January and if that mattered and if a little extra
time to see.

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

MR. WEBER: That's for the county.

MS. KINTER: McKeesport.

MR. STALCYNISKI: I think a little more time would help many of us.

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

MR. CRAIG: Third week.

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

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

MR. TAGUE: One of the things also there is Meeting Wizard, there is a number of ways to put the information out there. You generally
go with the consensus on those things so that's another alcove to approach the members. Is there, I guess if I understand what we are going to do next is I will ask if there is any additional or new business that you want to bring before the Task Force? One of the things you just mentioned, the intention is to break up into the committees, people want to choose committees now, there is the issue of I'd like to serve on two committees, I wouldn't recommend serving on four committees but so and again, I think there will be notes and stuff that will be forthcoming so people can read that and all the meetings are open meaning that even if you are not a member of the committee doesn't mean you can't come to the meetings, it's like that goes back to the idea of transparency, we need to be as transparent as -- I don't want to say transparent, but that leaves it open for something not to be transparent I guess. I'd like to thank everybody for their participation in our Task Force. Are there any, again, any parting thoughts?

MR. KEENAN: I just wanted to know
what the affordable housing committee, what was
the basic rational behind that committee and
what's the purpose of it? It's a broad statement.

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

MR. STALCYNISKI: I think the
conversation was centered around some of the
initiatives on the land bank issues, new
developments in the work, where would this Task
Force be in terms of being a voice in policy
decisions while they are being made before key
decisions are being made or whatever ramifications
of recent decisions, and I think keeping eyes and
ears on where the next new development actions are
happening, resource allocation, Government, 
private sector.

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

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

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

MR. CRAIG: Should it be a separate
committee? This is just a thought, should it be a
separate committee on policy making for these,
that's going to be a big issue coming up. There
is not a lot of information on it right now, they
have a temporary board as far as land banking
board, but that's going to be really big and it's
going to affect a lot of communities that maybe we
should be a part of at least looking at it, so my
question is should there be a separate committee
for policy similar to so we can constantly take a
look at land banking and issues that are coming up, not the reactive, but proactive.

MR. TAGUE: Thoughts?

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

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

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

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

MR. CHINTALAPALLI: That's a good
question.

MR. TAGUE: Jay?

MR. DWORIN: You keep coming to me.

MR. CRAIG: You always answer.

MR. DWORIN: I have a whole separate
thought in my head right now so I am letting it
play out a little bit.

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

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

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

MS. MCKINLEY: At the time it's
needed.

MR. STALCYNISKI: At the time it's
needed.

MR. TAGUE: You had mentioned land
bank, what if we have an ad hoc committee for land
banking because it is going to be, as you said, a
major issues and there is a lot of unanswered
questions, even though there is legislation there
is a temporary committee in place but so which
direction do we want to go on this?

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

MR. TAGUE: Angela, what are your
thoughts?

MS. REYNOLDS: I'm actually of the
belief that it should be integrated into the
committees then that way it can be brought back to
the table, however, not to put something else out there, it would be useful if there were some type of briefing that could be presented at the steering committee level so that we can understand what the issues are.

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

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

MR. DWORIN: So is it fair to say
though that looking at the role of the committees
then we are saying we are not looking to creating
a new committee, we are looking for the existing
committees to identify issues and policy then from
there if the steering committees sees from the
existing committees that there is a policy of
concern, it's your point, Angela, that we would
bring in somebody that can then brief us because
some of these things as Angela said, you live and
work at this for a long time, to start where you
don't have the resources or in some cases the
expertise to even realistically attempt it so I
think from my position I would agree with Kyle in
terms of the location of the policy issue but I
would also bring up one other just very quick
point, I say quick, which is the choice
neighborhood and whether or not, you know, we are
going to look at the role of fair housing as it
relates to the grant that was just announced and
their role in whether or not affirmative fair
housing is being viewed in every decision that
they are making and how they are taking that money
and investing that money, so I don't know if that
is then a whole separate can that I am opening or
if it's one that falls inside of the existing
committee, so that's what I was thinking about the
entire time you were asking, so but to me, I think
this is something that we need to look at with
seriousness in the role of affirmative, friendly
fair housing.

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

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

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

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

MR. TAGUE: That makes sense.

MR. STALCYNISKI: I agree, I think the objective of the committees and the reason they should be setting the priority for the Task Force, they are the ones that should push the individual issue or issues to the forefront of our action,
our agenda, so it's up to those of you deciding what you want to focus your time and energy on then you should be thinking about the specific issue want to push this Task Force towards.

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

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

MR. TAGUE: So I mean it is open to discussion, maybe the committees that have already
formed including the steering committee look at
the issue and then determine what we think we need
to do, how does it fall within the affordable
housing realm, how does it fall within the
impediments, does that work, everybody agreed on
that, is that the way we have moved forward then?
David, you look like you have a question.

MR. WEBER: No, I was agreeing.

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

Thank you.

MS. RAIBLE: Diane Raible from
Eastbrook Housing Authority. On September 5th the
Eastbrook Housing Authority will be hosting
Senator Hughes from the Philadelphia area and
Senator Brewster, they are co-supporters of a bill
that will be voted on in January in the Senate for
housing preference for veterans in the Housing
Choice Program and the Public Housing Program,
it's going to be a roundtable with many of the
legislators and community groups and
representation from the veterans' organizations.
If anybody here would like to attend, if you'd like to talk with me after the meeting I'd be happy to put you on the agenda to get the invite so that you can attend. I'm sorry, but I am coordinating a meeting right now that I don't have all the details on, I am hoping to have things such as time and that by the close of business today but right now we are targeting either a 10:00 to 12:00 with a luncheon afterwards or a lunch then an afternoon meeting for approximately an hour or two. This will be filmed and played on PCNC and the local media, we are anticipating quite a large group of people.

MR. TAGUE: Where is it going to be?

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

MR. TAGUE: Can Sarah send anything out to the committee with a contact information?
MS. SMITH: Can you also tell us what -- when it was going to be broadcast in case we can't attend?

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

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

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

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

MR. TAGUE: We are going to adopt somebody?

MS. KINTER: Into our Task Force.

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

MS. KINTER: Can I do that today? We passed it, yes, so Reverend Leonard is here, she works with the Equality Pittsburgh and she assisted us in a fair housing training, she did a great job, Jillane was there talking about fair
housing and discrimination based by the LGBT
committee and I think she would be a great
addition to the Task Force and I'm glad you made
it, so I would like to make a motion to adopt.

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

MR. DWORIN: I would second that
motion.

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

MS. KINTER: No.

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

MR. CHINTALAPALLI: Could we hear from
her?

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

REVEREND LEONARD: Can I start with
first of all, I apologize with my lateness, my
partner's car had decided to die and we are
sharing a car and I also parked and got into an
accident and hit a wall as I was parking, so I
apologize for running late.

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

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

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

REVEREND LEONARD: I am in the western
PA Regional Organization so I am organizing from
Erie to Washington County, I have five areas that
I focus on, Pittsburgh, Erie, Butler, Washington
and Westmoreland County, so those people, probably
regional areas we are working to get groups of
people who are working for equality and doesn't
necessarily mean we don't look to outlining areas,
but those are our five target areas so just to add
onto that too, I am the Western PA regional
organizer but we also have organizers in central
PA, Northeast, Southeast, then a statewide
organizer as well.

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

REVEREND LEONARD: Sure. Fair housing
you mean?

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

REVEREND LEONARD: That's actually
part of one of the areas that are people are being
discriminated against and that's one of the main
focus of the bill because people across our state
are still being denied housing, jobs and services
simply based on who they are and so housing is a huge component of what we are finding. We have had cases across the state, not so much in Allegheny County but in Pittsburgh because this is an area that already has the ordinance because other areas across the State, we are working to make sure people -- we have people kicked out of housing because of who they are and so equal and fair housing is very much a part of what I do on a regular basis every day for Washington, PA, Westmoreland, Butler, all the other areas I work in, this is my reality, so it's something that I do every day, does that answer your question? I want to make sure I answer it.

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

REVEREND LEONARD: Thank you.

(Reverend Leonard steps out.)

MR. TAGUE: Any thought?

MR. STALCYNISKI: Very good addition.

Just coming from the Statewide perspective, glad
to see that there is more part of this Task Force in the expanded regions.

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

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

(Round of ayes.)

Objections?

(No response.)

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

(Reverend Leonard now present.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

MS. KINTER: Steering committee will
be by John, information committee will be with me
over in the public hearing box, affordable housing
will be with Lyle, and analysis of impediments
will be with Adelaide. Is that good?
MR. TAGUE: We are good to go. So unless there is any additional business, we will stand in adjournment. All right. We are standing in adjournment.

(At 10:52 o'clock a.m., the meeting adjourned.)
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