

***Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Task Force
Meeting Summary***

July 11, 2017

3 – 5pm

Type of Meeting: Quarterly AFFH Task Force Meeting

Location: Piatt Place, 301 Fifth Avenue, Room 3023, Pittsburgh, PA

Attendees: Bob Damewood, Regional Housing Legal Services
*Carlos Torres, Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations
*Celeste Scott, Pittsburgh United (*phone*)
Cherylie Fuller, Homewood Concerned Citizens Council
Chuck Keenan, Allegheny County Department of Human Services
David Dean, REALTORS Association of Metropolitan Pittsburgh
*David Jones, Pennsylvania Commission on Human Relations
*Erin Dugan, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission
Ernie Hogan, Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group
*Felicity Williams, Hill Community Development Corporation
Gale Schwartz, Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania (*phone*)
Helen Gerhardt, Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations
Kevin Quisenberry, Community Justice Project (*phone*)
Lyle Wood, Pennsylvania Commission on Human Relations
Marimba Millions, Hill Community Development Corporation
Paul O'Hanlon, City-County Task Force on Disabilities (*phone*)
*Peter Kaplan
*Rachel Salem, Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations
Rachael Surmick, NeighborWorks Western Pennsylvania (*phone*)
Robert Taylor, Fair Housing Law Center – SWPA Legal Services
*Tricia Henning, Housing Authority of Pittsburgh

**Denotes a nonvoting attendee*

I. Welcome

The meeting came to order at approximately 3:00p.m. Chair Helen Gerhardt welcomed participants and gave a short overview of the business on the agenda.

II. Adoption of Minutes/Meeting Summaries

Chair Gerhardt asked for a motion to adopt the meeting summaries from the March 7, 2017 Quarterly Meeting and the April 17, 2017 Annual Meeting. David Dean motioned to accept the meeting summaries as presented, which was seconded by Carlos Torres. The motion carried.

III. Committee Reports

Chair Gerhardt updated the Task Force on the status of the Gender/Sexual Orientation/Familial Status Committee having its chair, La'Tasha Mayes, resign. Chair Gerhardt asked for a motion to extend the deadline for that committee's recommendations. Mr. Dean motioned to accept this deadline extension, which was seconded by Mr. Torres. The motion carried.

Alternative Protected Classes

Chuck Keenan provided a summary of the recommendations made by this committee, which primarily focuses on adding source of income and prior criminal history as protected classes with regard to housing.

There was a motion to adopt these recommendations for further development by Mr. Torres, seconded by Mr. Dean. The motion carried.

Disability

Paul O'Hanlon provided a summary of the Disability Committee's recommendations. These recommendations include neighborhood amenities, inclusionary zoning, and a reasonable accommodation clause in rental agreements.

There was a motion to adopt these recommendations for further development by Marimba Milliones, seconded by Mr. Dean. The motion carried.

Race & Ethnicity

Bob Damewood provided an overview of the recommendations made by this committee, including fair housing criteria for assessment of property development projects, good cause evictions, inclusionary zoning, equitable investment in African American neighborhoods, and section 8 home ownership.

There was a motion to adopt these recommendations for further development by Ms. Milliones, seconded by Mr. Dean. The motion carried.

IV. Old Business

No Old Business was discussed due to time constraints.

V. New Business

No New Business was discussed due to time constraints.

VI. New Members

Chair Gerhardt explained that there were two membership forms submitted for review by the Steering Committee in advance of this meeting, and that those members were invited to this Quarterly Meeting to present their case for why they should be accepted as Task Force members. Peter Kaplan, board member for the Housing Authority of Pittsburgh, provided a brief explanation of his expertise and desire to contribute to the Task Force. There was a motion to accept Mr. Kaplan as a non-voting, advisory member of the Task Force by Mr. Dean, seconded by Felicity Williams. The motion carried.

The representatives from Pittsburgh United, Barney Oursler and Celeste Scott, were not present to provide an explanation of their organization's expertise and potential contribution to the Task Force. However, Ms. Scott was able to join the meeting via phone briefly to give a brief overview of their work and desire to participate on the Task Force. There was a motion to accept Pittsburgh United as a voting member of the Task Force by Mr. Keenan, seconded by Mr. Damewood. There were 6 yea's and 3 abstentions, on the basis that specific questions were to be answered by the organization. Quorum was not met at the time of this vote.

VII. Public Comment

Chair Gerhardt stated that the Steering Committee decided that a public comment period during Quarterly Meetings would be crucial to providing opportunities for community involvement and feedback. There were no members of the public present to provide comment at this meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Gerhardt thanked everyone for their participation and for staying past the scheduled meeting time. The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00p.m.