



Portland Housing Bureau

Fair Housing Advisory Commission
 Tuesday, April 8, 2014
 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Steel Bridge Conference Room
 421 SW 6th Ave
 Portland OR 97204

✓ = FHAC member action item
 ▶ = PHB staff member action item

Draft FHAC Meeting Minutes

FHAC Members: Abby Ahern; Michael Alexander, Betty Dominguez, Deborah Imse, Elisa Harrigan, Jason Trombley, Joe VanderVeer, John Miller; Kayse Jama; Lynne Walker; Marc-Daniel Domond, Rachel Payton, Raina Smith-Roller, Jerad Goughnour

Staff and Guests: Deborah Stein, Uma Krishnan, Kim McCarty, Traci Manning, Laurie Wells, Regena Warren, David Sheern, Amy Trieu, Leslie Kay, Pegge McGuire, Diane Hess, Nicole Edner, Christina Dirks

Agenda Item	Discussion Highlights	Outcomes / Next Steps
Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions 	<p>Jason Trombley, Co-Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made by everyone present at the table.</p> <p>A member still needs to be picked by the County. Regina explained that the County was looking at some candidates but no decision has been made at this time.</p>	
Comprehensive Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoning 	<p>Deborah Stein and Uma Krishnan of Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) displayed a map of the goals and plans of the comprehensive zones. Deborah added that this was still a work in progress.</p> <p>Tracy asked for the growth predictions and Deborah answered that the East Moreland area was being looked at.</p> <p>Most areas are going to be zoned as mixed use. Not a lot of zoned housing capacity is going to be added, because there are enough areas already zoned for housing.</p>	<p>Link to the Portland Map App and comment section http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/65337</p> <p>Deborah suggested getting together for suggestions and conversations to talk about the last draft of the map at a later</p>

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	<p>The Buckman area is zoned for single family lots, but 50% of the lots are for multi-family.</p> <p>Uma explained how they project what the unit needs of renters and homebuyers are going to be by household size and income.</p> <p>It was asked what kind of relationship the plans had with Tri-met. The answer was that it was good. Some areas are still underserved.</p> <p>It was brought up that there should be more incentives for bringing commercial businesses to areas to make them more appealing to live in, such as grocery stores.</p> <p>Better designed open space areas were suggested for housing where there are no parks nearby.</p> <p>Observation of areas of high risks for flooding and landslides was mentioned as a concern for building housing in high income areas.</p>	<p>time.</p>
<p>Demographic access data for City of Portland Fair Housing Contracts</p>	<p>Kim showed slides of charts of the city's population that showed the Poverty rates in each Multnomah community and poverty divided by race. The largest racial group living in poverty is white. However, communities of color experience poverty disproportionately to their presence in the population.</p> <p>PHB asked contractors to collect demographic data differently so we can see both racial and ethnic groups such as the African and Slavic community.</p> <p>It was brought up that some people felt groups were getting help before American citizens. Others believed that the assistance offered to noncitizens is appropriate, and that perceptions of ethnic identity may be confused with nationality.</p> <p>Some thought it was very important that the disabled be served more.</p> <p>It was also suggested that there be more housing for the Gay community.</p>	

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	<p>The chart also showed the impact that the bureau is having on access to fair housing programs.</p>	
<p>Draft Fair Housing Action Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY 14/15 FH Action Plan 	<p>Kim McCarty passed around a draft of the annual Fair Housing Action Plan that showed the action areas including enforcement, accountability, public awareness access, fair housing testing, expanding the supply of affordable housing, expanding the supply of accessible homes, addressing and mitigating the unintended consequences of gentrification, and increasing the funding for safety net programs.</p>	
<p>Education and Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fair Housing Month Events 	<p>Jaymee Cuti has left PHB to go to the Water Bureau.</p> <p>April is the official Fair Housing month.</p> <p>FHCO will be honoring the grade school poster winners in council in April, and in June they will be presenting at the PHB Equity Forum. The posters are available for those who want to display them.</p>	
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>A strong recommendation was made to get training to immigrants on how to apply for housing and how to get past barriers to housing.</p> <p>There should also be programs and classes on how high risk folks can get information on what they need to do to be able to get housing.</p> <p>Kim announced that there will be an additional \$75K for translation and interpretation services.</p> <p>There is a focus on getting folks trained on the landlord side to be able to better understand the barriers folks come up against in getting fair housing.</p>	