



**Portland
Housing
Bureau**

Fair Housing Advisory Commission
Tuesday, October 14, 2014
 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Steel Bridge Conference Room
 421 SW 6th Ave
 Portland OR 97204

Draft October FHAC Meeting Minutes

FHAC Members: Betty Dominguez, Deborah Imse, Orion Lumiere, Jason Trombley, Mary Rain O’Meara, Jerad Goughnour, Marc-Daniel Domond, Rachel Payton

Excused Members: Kayse Jama, Joe VanderVeer Maxine Fitzpatrick, Michael Alexander, Abby Ahern, John Miller, Lynne Walker, Liora Berry

Staff and Guests: Kim McCarty, Traci Manning; Laurie Wells, Regena Warren, Pegge McGuire, Christina Dirks, Karen Gray

Agenda Topic	Key Discussion Points	Outcomes / Decisions / Next Steps
Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Approve April and July Meeting notes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason Trombley asked everyone to introduce themselves. • Jason asked all present to look over the April and July Meeting notes. • It was moved and seconded to approve meeting minutes. • Jason and Kim asked that everyone fill out the Endorsement Forms of the “Fair Chance for All Campaign.” The forms were handed out. • There was a vote for the Fair Housing Endorsement. Members would like the campaign to extend to housing as well. 	<p>April and July meeting minutes were approved with one change to the April minutes.</p> <p>FHAC agreed to endorse the “Fair Chance for All” Campaign.</p>

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<p>School/Housing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Gray, the Superintendent of Parkrose, spoke about their programs that helps students and their family remain in their homes until the student completes their primary education. • Parkrose has 4000 students, 50 languages are spoken, 75% are in poverty and 70% are children of color. Parkrose has commercial land, i.e. the airport but it does not have enough kids to get sufficient funding from the state. David Douglas is tax poor but it has a large student population. • Kids move multiple times per year between the three schools districts in Portland. Every move due to rising rents, or other reasons, will cause a student to be 3 months behind their peers. • Design standards focused on health outcomes, is good for student achievement. • Home Forward properties have 10,000 children. Home Forward knows how many of the children are likely to enter kindergarten because they are four. • Betty Dominquez spoke about Alder School pilot program and the “I Have a Dream Foundation.” 20% of Alder School students were homeless. • Housing assistance based on family participation in education appears to work. 	<p>Jason Trombley welcomed comments for the kick-off of a Portland Public Schools redistricting conversation with the goal of improving graduation rates for students of color.</p> <p>Karen Gray asked for ways to know in advance when family housing is being built in the school district, in order to plan for additional students.</p> <p>PHB can help dispel myths around the tax impacts of affordable housing, (i.e. churches and hospitals get a larger tax break), and myths about the quality of subsidized affordable housing vs. market housing that is affordable.</p>

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Consolidated Plan and Fair Housing Plan FY 2016 – 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kim handed out a draft timeline for the five year Consolidated Plan 2016-2023. 	<p>A subcommittee will be formed to work on the public participation plan and Assessment of Fair Housing planning. In the future FHAC will do an e-blast to invite the public and to invite new people to join workgroups.</p>
Draft Fair Housing Action Plan Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kim asked that everyone review the hand out of the Draft Portland Fair Housing Action Plan Annual Update FY 2013-2014. 	<p>Comments will be incorporated. Traci Manning will decide how to publish the report this winter.</p>
Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Federal comment period for the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule is open. Helpful and affirmative comments are the most useful. 	
Update on Fair Housing Complaint data in Multnomah County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pegge McGuire gave an overview of Fair Housing Complaints in Portland. 15% of the 700 calls made to FHCO were verified as fair housing issues and half of those became Fair Housing complaints. Data shows the following types of Fair Housing Complaints for each protected class. Fair Housing complaints can take years to resolve, therefore annual reporting can be misunderstood. Disability complaints relate to refusal of reasonable accommodations or refusal to rent. National Origin complaints relate to harassment or refusal to rent. 	<p>FHCO sends letters to landlords that post no Section 8 or no HUD notices to inform them about the change in the law.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic violence complaints relate to eviction. • Race complaints related to harassment, neighbor to neighbor harassment or eviction. • Family status complaints often relate to disparate terms and conditions. • Source of income discrimination-Some landlord's claim that they did not know about the new law. Some landlords are intentionally raising rents above payment standards to discourage renters with rent assistance. 	
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no comments 	