

Fair Housing Advocacy Committee
Tuesday, February 9th, 2021
03:00 p.m. – 05:00 p.m.
Portland Housing Bureau
Zoom Meeting

February 9th Meeting Summary

Members Present: Allan Lazo, Barbara Geyer, Becky Straus, Bryn Council, Dung Ho, Jamila Rutherford Tai, Lauren Waudé, Mara Romero, Marisa Espinoza, May Cha, Rachel Nehse, Taylor Smiley Wolfe, Vera Warren

Staff Present:

Niki Gillespie, Christina Dirks, Bim RajBhandary, Matthew Tschabold, Tawnya Harris,

Ryan Davis

Others Present: Julianne Mitchell (CC), Daniela Sipe, Michele Gila, Nicole Johnson, Stephen Wendt,

Vlad Yurlov

Agenda Topic	Lead	Key Topics Covered	Recording Time
Call to Order	Niki Gillespie (PHB)	 Meeting was called to order by Niki Gillespie and roll was taken. 	0:00:00 - 0:02:26
Review Fair Housing Action Plan	Matthew Tschabold (PHB) & Niki Gillespie (PHB)	 Background given on fair housing action plan process and changes during past presidential administrations. Reviewed document: 2011 City of Portland Fair Housing Action Plan as adopted by the City Council. Reviewed document: 2011 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (table of contents of the Fair Housing Action Plan document). Reviewed document: Portland Housing Bureau's Fair Housing Action Plan write-up. Discussed current 2021 Biden administration executive order on fair housing. 	0:02:26 – 0:23:48
Current Demographic & Housing Plan	Bimal RajBhandary (PHB)	 Presented data on changes from 2013-2018 in the City of Portland on: population by race & ethnicity, number of households, income by tenure and race & ethnicity, rentership by race & ethnicity, and homeownership by race & ethnicity. Examined COVID-19 cases by race & ethnicity, continuing claims for unemployment among 16 and over by race & ethnicity, and how those affect housing market. 	0:23:48 – 0:52:40

		 Presented data on changes from 2015-2020 in City of Portland asking rent, vacancy rate, concession rate, and compared those numbers to neighboring cities. Looked at the change in residential home sale volume and sale price from before COVID-19 (Dec 2019) to present. 	
Developing Local Fair Housing Plan	Matthew Tschabold (PHB) & Full Committee Discussion	 Viewpoints from Fair Housing Council of Oregon. Discussion on role and capabilities of the committee. Discussion on California's approach to fair housing and if parts of that could be adopted for Portland. Discussion of moving forward before new federal guidelines are established. Discussion and clarification on committee's process of presenting recommendations to city council. Discussions on scope and ability to enforce fair housing laws. Discussion of past FHAC's influence on City policy decisions. Discussion of new housing commissioner and lead person for the housing bureau. Discussion of rules and restrictions relating to meetings of public committees. 	0:52:40 – 1:42:12
Public Comment	Niki Gillespie (PHB)	No public comments or testimony made.	1:42:12 - 1:42:36

Materials for this meeting will be posted on PHB's website:

https://www.portland.gov/phb/fhac/events/2021/2/9/fair-housing-advocacy-committee-fhac-meeting.

Upcoming FHAC meeting: Tuesday, April 13th, 3:00-5:00pm