

Minutes of the

THIRD ORIENTATION MEETING OF THE EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 19, 2016

Committee Members Present: Co-Chair; Acooa Ellis, Co-Chair; Edward Reynoso, Rebecca Stratton, David Ketrosier, Tie Oei, Metric Giles, Nelima Sitati Munene, Ishmael Israel, Leslie Redmond, Sindy Garcia Morales, Kadra Abdi, Deb Barber, Ruthie Johnson, Claudia Cody, Vayong Moua, Kimberly Carpenter, Leon Rodrigues, Steven Chavez, Elham Ashkar

Committee Members Absent: Jennifer Munt, Shirley Cain

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Co-Chair Ellis called the regular meeting of the Council's Equity Advisory Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 2016.

INFORMATION

1. Housing Policy Plan & Fair Housing Complaint

Libby Starling, manager of Regional Policy and Research, presented about the Council's Housing Policy Plan. This presentation described the Council's roles in affordable housing, statutory authorities and how the Council's work plays into the regional housing dialogue.

A Q&A followed with committee members asking questions.

The presentation then detailed the Fair Housing complaint filed with HUD against the Council. The presentation outlined the allegations against the Council, and the Council's response to each allegation.

Another Q&A about the complaint then ensued.

2. Fair Housing Panel Discussion

A panel discussion on Fair Housing was held, with the following participants:

- Andrea Brennan - Housing Policy and Development Director, City of Minneapolis
- Owen Duckworth - Coalition Organizer, Alliance for Metropolitan Stability
- Chip Halbach - Executive Director, Minnesota Housing Partnership
- Kevin Ringwald - Planning & Development Director, City of Chaska
- Nelima Sitati Munene - Executive Director, ACER

Panel members introduced themselves and outlined their views on the current fair housing situation in the Twin Cities metropolitan region. The panelists discussed the challenges facing fair housing and other variables that further complicate the issue.

A Q&A followed with committee members asking panelists different questions about fair housing in general, and the Council's role in the conversation.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Kevin Murphy
Recording Secretary