

ARIZONA CIVIL RIGHTS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Public Meeting

April 6, 2015

Board Members Present

Howard Meyers, Chairperson

Daisy Flores

Janet Bain

Robert Garcia

Board Members Absent

Jeff Lavender

Staff Members Present

Theresa Rassas

Sandra Kane

Denise Rosado, legal extern

Tina Rohe, legal assistant

I. Call to Order

Executive Director Sandra Kane called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. with the following Board Members present telephonically: Howard Meyers, Daisy Flores, Janet Bain, and Robert Garcia. The meeting took place at 1275 W. Washington, Transportation Conference Room, Phoenix, Arizona.

II. Approval of Minutes of February 19, 2015 Meeting

Upon motion by Janet Bain, seconded by Robert Garcia, the Board unanimously approved the minutes for the February 19, 2015 meeting.

III. Division Report

Ms. Kane announced that new Section Chief Counsel, Arizona Civil Rights Division, Theresa Rassas, will be the new Executive Director of the Arizona Civil Rights Advisory Board. On behalf of the Board, Howard Meyers thanked Ms. Kane for her service.

IV. Board Resignations and Vacancies

Beverly Dupree was elected as Vice Chairperson but has resigned. The Governor has not appointed new members to the Board. Robert Garcia moved for recognition of those who served on the Board. Ms. Rassas reported the office's plaques are generally paid privately and cost about \$80. Ms. Kane recommended paper certificates. Recognition is due to: Jeff Lavender, Juan Ciscomani, Beverly Dupree, and Wendy Freeman.

Robert Garcia moved for the above-listed recognition. A resolution to publish these certificates of recognition was seconded by Janet Bain and passed unanimously. Ms. Rassas will propose language and form for the certificates.

V. **Election of Vice Chairperson**

Howard Meyers sought a volunteer to serve as Vice Chairperson. None applied. Daisy Flores moved that the Board leave position of Vice Chairperson as an open vacancy. Janet Bain seconded and the motion unanimously passed.

VI. **Call to Public**

Members of the public were heard on the issue of Inclusive Housing Design. Darrel Christenson, ABIL, voiced his support of efforts to promote Inclusive Design. Robin Coulon, counsel for the Area Agency on Aging, voiced support for promoting Inclusive Housing Design. Joel McCabe, Director of Real Estate Development for Trellis, voiced his support and offered assistance in promoting Inclusive Housing Design. Peter Fisher, ADA coordinator for the City of Phoenix, was also present.

VII. **Old Business**

The Board's letter regarding Inclusive Housing Design was discussed. An edit was made. Members of the public viewed the letter. Daisy Flores moved to put the letter on ACRAB letterhead and circulate the letter. Janet Bain seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The Arizona Civil Rights Division will place the contents of the letter on letterhead and make it available for Howard Meyers' signature. Later, the Howard Meyers discussed the letter being raised at the Arizona Fair Housing Partnership annual event. Howard Meyers offered to sign the letter to allow its quick dissemination.

VIII. **Planning for Future Civil Rights Topics and Trainings**

Howard Meyers discussed the role of disability for the Board. Janet Bain raised Human Trafficking as an issue that the Board should investigate. Howard Meyers encouraged members of the Board to propose ideas for fact-finding.

IX. **Adjournment**

Upon motion by Janet Bain, which was seconded by Robert Garcia, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:46 p.m., setting a telephonic meeting for June 8, 2015 at 3 p.m.