



Meeting of
Fair Housing Task Force

Wednesday, June 25, 2014
7:00 P.M.

Village of Oak Park
123 Madison Street, Room 101
Oak Park, Illinois

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of June 11, 2014 Meeting Minutes
4. Public Comment
5. Information Interviews
 - A. Sandra Sokol
 - B. Cedric Melton
6. Scheduling of next interviews
7. Next Steps
8. Adjourn

MEMO

To: Fair Housing Task Force
From: Cedric Melton, Community Relations Director
Date: June 20, 2014
Re: Department Fair Housing/Diversity Activities

In an effort to provide clarity on the current state of fair housing training, enforcement and education being provided by the Community Relations Department, the following highlights illustrate the department's on going and current fair housing /diversity activities:

- Director provides diversity counseling/complaint process overview of Chapter 13 Human Rights Public Accommodations code at quarterly new realtor indoctrination class of the Oak Park Board of Realtors. (Quarterly)
- Director investigates housing and public accommodation complaints.
- Director receives and investigates housing complaints and landlord disputes from Oak Park Regional Housing Center and Housing Authority.
- Director provides diversity counseling sessions for new and existing tenants, homeowners, building owners. (Monthly orientation session required for Housing Choice Voucher Recipients)

- Director participates in Annual Property Management Seminar on Chapter 13 Human Rights Code. (Twice yearly)
- Director handles inquiry calls and explains sign ordinance regulations and history to residents and local realtors as well those from metro area. (For sale, for rent, condo conversions, new construction, open house)
- Director continues to provide staff support to the Community Relations Commission (CRC) as well as their work plan and projects including conducting cross collaborative discussions with Oak Park, Austin and West Garfield Park communities.
- Director coordinates annual Day in Our Village Festival designed to promote intergroup relations and celebrate diversity in Oak Park as well as include and encourage all residents to become involved in the community by making them aware of the myriad of Oak Park based civic, cultural, educational, social service, religious organizations and businesses. The festival builds community and a sense of belonging for all.
- Department provides public information via Community Profile, New Resident Information, Tenant Handbook, Landlord Handbook, Educational video segments for landlords and tenants on diversity and fair housing issues via VOP-TV.
- Department provides Intake for Police Complaints from citizens regarding officer language and behavior. Have forms completed and provides copy to complainant. Forwards citizen complaints to Internal Affairs for investigation.