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## COMMISSION FOR DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

### Minutes of Fair Housing Committee Meeting on September 19, 2016

Present: Dwain Tyndall, Sean Jaynes, Alex Coleman, Ernie Frey, Sandy Batchelder and Lloyd Gellineau

Absent: Wes Chin

Guest: Frank Farlow

The minutes of the August 3 meeting of the Committee were approved.

Ernie reviewed the final changes to Warrant Article 28 filed on September 1 in response to comments. WA 28 would next be reviewed by a subcommittee of the Advisory Committee, the BOS and the full Advisory Committee itself.

Dwain led a discussion on the proposed fair housing training that Dwain would conduct later in the fall. The program would start at 6:30 on a weekday at a location to be determined and take one hour. Expected attendance would be 25-50 persons. The public would be invited and special invitations would be sent to the Disability Commission, the Commission for Women, the Housing Authority, the BOS and department heads (through the Town Administrator).

The program would focus on the classes protected by fair housing laws and would be interactive. Dwain would bring materials to the next meeting of the Committee. Later training sessions would focus on other aspects of the fair housing laws and would build towards a Fair Housing Month in April 2017.

Sean pointed out that present rules increase public housing rent as the earnings of tenants increase, which makes it difficult for tenants to save money and move to private housing. This matter should be taken up with the BHA.

The next meeting of the Committee would be held on Wed October 12, 2016 at 6:30PM in the small conference room in the basement of the Public Health Bldg. The agenda would focus on the proposed training.

Minutes prepared by Sandy Batchelder.