

COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES – DAVIS COUNTY

WORK SESSION MINUTES

September 14, 2021

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met for a Work Session at 8:30 a.m. on September 14, 2021, in room 306 of the Davis County Administration Building, 61 South Main Street, Farmington, Utah. Notice of this meeting was given under the requirements of UCA § 52-4-202.

ATTENDEES Davis County Commissioners in attendance: Randy B. Elliott, Vice-Chair; and Lorene Miner Kamalu. Bob J Stevenson, Chair was excused.

Davis County Staff in attendance: Shairise Bills, Deputy Clerk/Auditor; Neal Geddes, Chief Civil Deputy Attorney; Curtis Koch, Clerk/Auditor; Stephen Lyon, Grants Administrator; and Kent Andersen, Community and Economic Development (CED) Director.

Members of the public in attendance: Heather Laird, Resource Consultants; Elizabeth McNannay, Resource Consultants, and Daneen Adams, Open Doors.

AGENDA AS POSTED **8:30 a.m. Director Kent Andersen, presenting the following: Overview of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice**

DISCLAIMER The meeting was an open dialogue. Critical points in the discussion have only been briefly summarized. The reader may refer to the audio recording and the publicly distributed materials for further clarification of the content. The audio recording for this meeting is available based upon the County's current retention schedule.

All documents from this meeting are on file in the Davis County (DC) Clerk/Auditor's office.

The meeting commenced at 8:30 a.m.

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION **Overview of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice—Presented by Kent Andersen, CED Director**

Kent Andersen said that Davis County contracted with Resource Consultants to develop this analysis of housing choice as part of the Community and Economic Development Grant (CDBG) five-year consolidated annual action plan for 2021-2025. This assessment is used to determine what steps can be taken to ensure fair housing choices in Davis County.

Heather Laird and Elizabeth McNannay from Resource Consultants explained the analysis of the assessment. Each year Davis County must certify that it affirmatively furthers fair housing and this analysis is a step in that direction. The County must take action to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through the analysis and maintain records reflecting the survey and the activity taken. Elizabeth said the most common housing discrimination reported in survey results centered around rental housing.

A fair housing survey was conducted among the sub-recipients and non-profit partners of CDBG and the cities in Davis County. The County made a great effort to reach those of low and moderate-income backgrounds and the Hispanic population, of which 787 people responded.

The Disability Law Center is a community partner permitted by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to pose as potential renters and test possible discrimination in the areas of national origin, religion, race, familial status, source of income, and disability. The results showed there were four impediments to fair housing choice. They were:

- Limited English Proficiency
- Lack of familiarity with the Fair Housing Act
- Lack of information and outreach activities
- Lack of record maintenance of fair housing activities

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Some low-barrier solutions were discussed on how Davis County can address these impediments. A public hearing will be held for public comment today in the Commission meeting following this Work Session. The Commission will then consider the request for adoption on the matter.
(See Attachments A1-A9.)

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

MATERIALS PRESENTED All publicly distributed materials associated with this meeting are noted as the following attachments:

A1-A9 Assessment of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice Presentation

Minutes prepared by:
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Deputy Clerk/Auditor

Minutes approved on: 10/12/2021

/s/ Curtis Koch
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Davis County Clerk/Auditor

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Commission Chair