



**Commission on Equitable Housing and Development
Housing Segregation Subcommittee**

Thursday, October 28, 2021, 1 pm

Zoom Meeting

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QF2fr4yKnGY>

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order, Statement, and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm by co-chair, Jay Young. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

No Action Taken

<u>Member</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Absent/Present</u>
Jay Young	Mayor & Council	Present
Laurie Mazerbo	HCD	Present
Mike Edmonds	Mayor & Council	Present (joined at 1:08 pm)

Others Present

Alison Miller, City of Tucson Housing and Community Development

Joe Audino, Barrio Neighborhood Coalition

Jasmine Chan, City of Tucson City Manager's Office

2. Approval of Minutes: September 23, 2021

Motion was made by Laurie Mazerbo to approve the minutes of September 23, 2021 as submitted, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote of 2 to 0.

3. Review and Discuss Housing Segregation Educational Materials

Discussion was held about the list of resources provided by co-chair Jay Young. Co-chair Laurie Mazerbo agreed that the *Color of Law* by Richard Rothstein is the best comprehensive resource to understand housing segregation nationally. However, the group discussed how there is less clear information about how housing segregation has been manifested in Tucson. For instance, Tucson did not have red lining maps and still presents a clear segregation pattern between white and Hispanic/Latino residents.

Discussion held, no action taken.

Michael Edmonds joined at 1:08 pm.

4. Presentation on Southwest Fair Housing's Opportunity Index

Presentation was made by co-chair Jay Young on the history of housing segregation in the United States and Southwest Fair Housing Council's work to

compile an Opportunity Index for Tucson and Pima County. Discussion was held on reactions to and possible actions to take regarding the presentation, including: the opportunity to gather additional data and update the maps; a desire to drill down into specific areas of town like those vulnerable to gentrification and displacement, advocacy for policies at the local level, reaction to the information on location of bank branches, and how can improvements to areas not push people out and how does housing segregation allow gentrification and displacement to happen.

Discussion held, no action taken.

5. Discuss Purpose and Goals of the Subcommittee and Recruiting Members

Discussion was held on the purpose of the subcommittee. Mike Edmonds asked whether the city has a directive to desegregate Tucson and Jay Young explained that the Fair Housing Act has two main components, one being the right to not be discriminated against in housing practices and the other being for localities to “affirmatively further fair housing” or address and undue housing segregation.

Jay Young and Laurie Mazerbo expressed not being clear on the task of the subcommittee and how to bring back efforts to the full commission. One possibility would be to start with education about the issue and then bring up actionable recommendations to the broader committee and then on to M&C.

Michael Edmonds left the meeting at 2:00 pm.

Joe Audino indicated he would be willing to join as a member if others did not. Jay Young mentioned that this subcommittee could also look into gentrification and displacement and how housing segregation relates. He committed to getting information from a National Fair Housing Alliance symposium panel on policies and practices from other cities to affirmatively further fair housing to bring back to the group.

Laurie Mazerbo left the meeting at 2:05 pm. Quorum was lost and meeting was adjourned. No action taken.

6. Input on the Housing Affordability Strategy for Tucson (HAST)

Item continued due to lack of quorum.

7. Call to the Audience

Item continued due to lack of quorum.

8. Next Steps

Item continued due to lack of quorum.

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm