



## FAIR HOUSING BOARD

**Date: May 23, 2022**

**Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**Location: Neighborhood and Community Services  
Conference Room, 1 Public Square, Suite 201  
Clarksville, Tennessee**

### AGENDA

- 1) CALL TO ORDER
- 2) ATTENDANCE
- 3) APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES
- 4) INTRODUCTIONS
- 5) LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (LEP) OVERVIEW – DENNIS
- 6) FAIR HOUSING ORDINANCE DISCUSSION
- 7) DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE FALL FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES - LANCE
- 8) PUBLIC COMMENTS (*five minutes each*)
- 9) ADJOURNMENT



## **FAIR HOUSING BOARD**

**February 28, 2022**

### **MINUTES**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Fair Housing Board was called to order by Chairperson Mark Kelly on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the Clarksville Neighborhood and Community Services Conference Room, 1 Public Square, Suite 201, Clarksville, Tennessee.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

The following members were present at the meeting:

Chairperson Mark Kelly; Board Members Rob Selkow, Deb Haines-Kulick, and Ben Stanley; Neighborhood and Community Services staff members Brittney Cates, LaVon Bracey, Clarissa Tucker, Dennis Newburn, and Crystal Griffith; and Deputy City Attorney Eric Bittner.

#### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Those in attendance provided self-introductions.

#### **FAIR HOUSING OVERVIEW**

Dennis Newburn informed the Board that Clarksville Neighborhood and Community Services (CNCS) will be facilitating a series of conversations and trainings with the Board regarding Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO).

These conversations and trainings will give the Board an opportunity to

- provide input concerning fair housing activities that the City is currently engaged in
- learn what other communities around the nation are doing regarding FHEO laws and regulations
- learn and help educate the community regarding the rights and responsibilities of all citizens to fair housing and equal opportunity
- work with the City Attorney to make recommendations, changes and amendments to bring the City's ordinance more in line with modern day FHEO standards

As part of training and educating the Board, Mr. Newburn informed the Board that all federal housing grants received by the City have very specific requirements with regards to fair housing and equal opportunity. CNCS manages these grants and has oversight responsibility for enforcement of the federal Fair Housing Act.

Mr. Newburn provided an overview of rights, acts, and amendments pertaining to Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity. He delivered a PowerPoint presentation and related materials to the board concerning the Fair Housing Act which is also known as Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968.

The Clarksville Fair Housing Board can receive complaints; however, fair housing complaints are generally directed to the Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee, the Tennessee Human Rights Commission, or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) FHEO office because the City does not have the staff to investigate claims.

## **DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES FOR 2022**

Chairperson Kelly opened the floor for discussion.

CNCS and the Board will be engaged with the Clarksville Association of Realtors (CAR) regarding the CAR Housing Fair in honor of Fair Housing Month. The event will take place on April 2, 2022.

The Board plans to meet bi-monthly with the next board meeting tentatively set for April 25, 2022.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

The City's Advisory Board/Commission Training and Orientation Manual was distributed to Board Members Deb Haines-Kulick and Rob Selkow during the previous board meeting. The manual was given to Chairperson Mark Kelly and Board Member Ben Stanley at this meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS *(five minutes each)***

There were no public comments.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Kelly adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.