

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-37**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA, TX ESTABLISHING THE LA FERIA FAIR HOUSING WORKING GROUP, SETTING FORTH ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, AND APPOINTING ITS MEMBERS.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the City of La Feria fully recognizes that Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act – the Fair Housing Act is not only national law and policy but also fundamental entitlement of all residents; and

**WHEREAS**, for several years the City has annually adopted and published a Fair Housing Proclamation in recognition of Fair Housing Month that states the City's policy to facilitate the opportunity for each person to obtain housing without regard to race, color, creed, religion, gender, national origin, physical or mental handicap, marital status, parenthood or age; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1995, the City adopted a La Feria Fair Housing Ordinance which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, gender, national origin, physical or mental handicap, marital status, parenthood, or age in the sale or rental of housing, in the financing of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services and declares that any such act of discrimination shall constitute a misdemeanor; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 28, 2010 the City adopted an Initial Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing and Fair Housing Action Plan; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City's Initial Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing and Fair Housing Action Plan recognized the need for active participation and input by more members of the community in analyzing the impediments to fair housing and in developing a fair housing action plan; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to request funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Program for the purpose of housing and other community development needs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Texas General Land Office's (GLO) has established as a prerequisite to the application for CDBG Disaster Recovery Round 2, Phase 2 funds the establishment of a Fair Housing Working Group and the completion and submission of the GLO's Fair Housing Action Statement (FHASt); and,

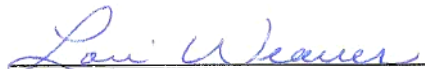
**WHEREAS**, the GLO has specified that the Fair Housing Working Group shall have at least five members, and include at least two members from among the Mayor or designee, City Manager or designee, and Planning Officer or designee, and three members from among representatives from the protected classes, minority business leaders, developers and providers affordable housing, school district leadership, members from local organizations that advocate on behalf of members of the protected classes; and community-based improvement associations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS, THAT:**

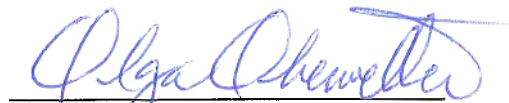
1. A La Feria Fair Housing Working Group is hereby established.
2. The La Feria Working Group is charged with the following responsibilities:
  - A. selection of a Chairperson, Secretary and Data Collection Chair.
  - B. completion of the FFAST and submission of it to the GLO on or before Sept. 23, 2011.
  - C. upon receipt of authorization from the GLO, publish the FFAST on the City's website.
  - D. schedule a public hearing at which the La Feria's FFAST is presented and comments from the public are solicited.
  - E. following the public hearing and incorporation of any edits resulting from public input, presentation of the FFAST to the City Commission for approval and adoption as the City of La Feria's Fair Housing Action Plan.
  - F. to reconvene at least once each year to monitor La Feria's progress in implementing its Fair Housing Action Plan, and to report findings and make recommendations to the City Commission.
  - G. The Work Group's Chair, Secretary, and Data Collection Chair shall confer at least every six months to determine if any changes in local circumstances or delays in the implementation of the Action Plan warrant reconvening earlier than the twelve-month deadline.
3. The following individuals are appointed to the La Feria Fair Housing Working Group:
  - A. Irene Szedlmayer
  - B. Sunny K. Philip
  - C. Dolores Seabolt
  - D. Gloria Casas
  - E. Javier Loredó

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2011.**

**APPROVED:**

  
Lori Weaver, Mayor Pro Tem

**ATTEST:**

  
Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Richard S. Talbert, City Attorney