



RENTERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 28, 2018

A meeting of the Renters Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at 5:40 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Karen Sawatzky, Chair
Karen Ameyaw*, Vice-Chair*
Farhan Beg
Natasha Edgar
Randy Keats
Emmett Keyserlingk
Annie Martin
Samrah Mian
Daniel Oleksiuk*
Noah Quastel
Andrew Sakamoto

ABSENT: Jaraad Marani
Maddison Spenrath (Leave of Absence)
Meseret Taye (Leave of Absence)
Andrea Winkler (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Andrea Reimer (Council Liaison)
Trustee Estrellita Gonzalez (School Board Liaison)
Graham Anderson, Housing Policy (Staff Liaison)

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Karen Sawatzky
SECONDED by Natasha Edgar

THAT the Renters Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Maddison Spenrath, Mesert Taye and Andrea Winkler for today's meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Karen Ameyah and Daniel Oleksiuk absent for vote)

1. Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Samrah Mian
SECONDED by Randy Keats

THAT the Minutes of the Renters Advisory Committee meeting held January 24, 2018, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Karen Ameyah and Daniel Oleksiuk absent for vote)

2. Presentation - Rental Housing Reinvestment Program

Housing Policy Planners Edna Cho and Sarah Ellis provided a presentation regarding strategies and challenges in creating more rental stock in the city. Discussion and questions ensued on a number of matters including affordability and protecting renters while renewing the stock. It was also noted reports on housing topics are coming forward to Council in May and June.

3. Council Liaison Update

Councillor Reimer provided updates on several topics including co-op housing, the empty homes tax and modular units being constructed in the city, and responded to questions.

4. Update – Collective Housing - Next Steps

Graham Anderson, Staff Liaison, provided a presentation regarding collective housing. He noted that to remove barriers to create more housing options, language around family in the zoning by-law will be updated along with updating occupant limits and amending the fire and building by-laws. He noted a report to Council on collective housing is tentatively slated for public hearing in June.

5. Update – Short Term Rental Regulations

Kathryn Holm, Director of Licensing, Property Use and Animal Services reviewed upcoming updates to short term rental regulations and installation of a data management tool to be used for auditing and enforcement. Discussion and questions ensued.

6. SRO - Motion

Samrah Mian reviewed a draft motion regarding SROs. Following discussion and feedback from Councillor Reimer, it was agreed to work further on the motion at the April working session, with the goal of approving it at the next regular meeting in May.

7. New Business

Graham Anderson provided additional updates.

Adjournment

MOVED by Karen Ameyaw
SECONDED by Natasha Edgar

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, May 23, 2018
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:20 pm.

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