



## RENTERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

January 24, 2018

A meeting of the Renters Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at 5:42 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
- Jaraad Marani
- Annie Martin
- Daniel Oleksiuk
- Noah Quastel
- Andrew Sakamoto
- Maddison Spenrath
- Meseret Taye\*
- Andrea Winkler

**ABSENT:**

- Samrah Mian (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 Daniel Oleksiuk  
SECONDED by Andrea Winkler

THAT the Renters Advisory Committee approve a Leave of Absence for Samrah Mian for today's meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Karen Ameyaw and Meseret Taye absent for vote)

## 1. Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Annie Martin

SECONDED by Jaraad Marani

THAT the Minutes of the Renters Advisory Committee meeting held November 8, 2017, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Karen Ameyah and Meseret Taye absent for vote)

## 2. New Member Introductions

The Chair welcomed new members Farhan Beg, Randy Keats, and Emmett Keyserlingk. Members and Liaisons conducted a round of introductions.

The Meeting Coordinator provided a brief review of meeting procedures, drawing attention to the Guidelines for Civic Agencies, Procedure By-law and Code of Conduct reference documents, which are all linked from the Committee's website. The Chair provided additional comments regarding activities of the Committee.

## 3. Council Liaison Update

Councillor Reimer provided updates and discussion ensued on various Council related matters, including the Housing Vancouver Strategy which was approved by Council in November, 2017, and the related amendment put forward by the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee regarding safe air quality for children's outdoor spaces, especially near arterials. It was noted the Northeast False Creek Plan is coming forward to Council on January 31, 2018, Short Term Rentals is slated for the spring, and an update on City of Reconciliation activities was provided.

## 4. Staff Liaison Update and Collective Housing Presentation

Graham Anderson, Staff Liaison, provided updates on various housing matters including the Vancouver Housing Strategy, the status on SROs, affordable housing projects and laneway housing. Questions and discussion ensued.

Subsequently, Mr. Anderson provided a presentation on proposed strategies by the City to encourage collective housing as an alternate form of housing, noting the matter is tentatively slated for Public Hearing in late April.

Mr. Anderson requested that feedback on collective housing be provided to him by mid-February and that further updates to the Committee will be provided in the coming months.

**5. Review of 2017-2018 Work Plan**

The Committee agreed to postpone discussion on the 2017-2018 Work Plan to the next working session.

**6. Discussion of Possible Information Session Regarding Process of Developing Rental Housing**

Jaraad Marani and Karen Ameyaw advised they had struck a subcommittee in 2017 to organize an event regarding "Process of Developing Rental Housing". The meeting would be held separate from the scheduled Renters Advisory Committee meetings, at a time and location at City Hall, TBD.

**7. Discussion of Active Transportation Parking Motions**

The Chair provided an update on motions approved by the Active Transportation Policy Council (ATPC), and advised she will follow up further, as there may be additional motions coming forward on the subject of parking, which may be of interest to the Renters Advisory Committee.

**8. Member Updates**

Committee members shared updates and reported on various community activities relevant to the Committee.

**9. New Business**

**(a) Secondary Suites**

Karen Ameyhaw enquired on the status of secondary suites. The Staff Liaison agreed to report back to the Committee with more details.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Karen Ameyaw  
SECONDED by Andrea Winkler

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Wednesday, March 28, 2018  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Committee Room 1, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:20 pm.

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