



RENTERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 29, 2020

A meeting of the Renters Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, January 29, 2020, at 5:35 pm, in Cascadia Room, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Elinor Carlton, Co-Chair
Jacint Simon, Co-Chair
Louise Chivers*
Matt Damaro
Taylor Fleming
Catherine Li
Megan Morrow
Melissa Penner
Anne Vavrik

ABSENT: Emily Bailey (Leave of Absence)
Xenia Dandridge (Leave of Absence)
Tom de Grey
Emmett Keyserlingk
Liam McClure
Matthew Pi

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Jean Swanson, Council Liaison
Diana Jeliaskova, Planning Analyst, Affordable Housing,
Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Irina Dragnea, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

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The Meeting Coordinator called the meeting to order.

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WELCOME

The Meeting Coordinator acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and we thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

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MOVED by Matt Damarico
SECONDED by Elinor Carlton

THAT the Renters Advisory Committee vary the order of the agenda to deal with Liaison Updates, next.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Louise Chivers absent for the vote)

Note: For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Elinor Carlton
SECONDED by Megan Morrow

THAT the Renters Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Emily Bailey and Xenia Dandridge, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Louise Chivers absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes – September 18, 2019

MOVED by Elinor Carlton
SECONDED by Jacint Simon

THAT the Renters Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of September 18, 2019, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Louise Chivers absent for the vote)

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair (2020)

MOVED by Catherine Li
SECONDED by Melissa Penner

THAT the Renters Advisory Committee appoint Elinor Carlton and Jacint Simon to serve as Co-Chairs until December 31, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Louise Chivers absent for the vote)

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At this point in the meeting, Elinor Carlton and Jacint Simon assumed the roles of Co-Chairs.

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2. 2020 Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Elinor Carlton
SECONDED by Jacint Simon

THAT the Renters Advisory Committee approve the following meeting dates for 2020:

Month	Day	Time	Meeting Type	Room
January	29	5:30 pm	Regular	Cascadia Room
February	19	5:30 pm	Working Session	Cascadia Room
March	25	5:30 pm	Regular	Cascadia Room
April	22	5:30 pm	Working Session	Cascadia Room
May	20	5:30 pm	Regular	Cascadia Room
June	17	5:30 pm	Working Session	Cascadia Room
July	15	5:30 pm	Regular	Cascadia Room
August	No Meetings.			
September	23	5:30 pm	Regular	Cascadia Room
October	14	5:30 pm	Working Session	Cascadia Room
November	18	5:30 pm	Regular	Cascadia Room
December	16	5:30 pm	Working Session	Cascadia Room

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Louise Chivers absent for the vote)

3. Chairs' Report

The Co-Chairs provided an update on the Council of Councils meeting from January 13, 2020, organized by the City of Vancouver, where other advisory bodies gathered together with staff and City Council and discussed the advisory bodies' goals for the coming year. The Co-Chairs noted that there were numerous opportunities highlighted of cross-committee work, and that they will be reaching out to those committees to start the dialogue.

The Co-Chairs noted that they have been invited to participate in the Vancouver City Planning Commission' Summit 2020 Steering Committee meetings. Elinor Carlton, Co-Chair agreed to attend the meetings and report back.

The Co-Chairs also note that they would reach out to the Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia (SPARC BC) to provide a presentation to the committee at a future meeting.

4. Engagement with Other Type A Committees

Elinor Carlton, Co-Chair, highlighted the importance of cross-committee work and sharing information, and sought the committee's input how to best connect the Renters Advisory Committee with the other City advisory committees.

The committee agreed that the Co-Chairs can approach the chairs of other advisory committees and introduce liaisons from the Renters Advisory Committee that can attend other advisory committees meetings and report back.

5. Work Plan Updates and Approval

The Co-Chairs reviewed the workplan and the Committee members discussed the seven topics of interest. In discussion, it was agreed that the topic, "Cross Committee Dialogue on Renters Issues", would be addressed by having members of the Renters Advisory Committee attend other advisory committee meetings and reporting back.

MOVED by Taylor Fleming
SECONDED by Catherine Li

THAT the 2019-2020 Work Plan of the Renters Advisory Committee be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Liaison Updates

Councillor Swanson discussed the following:

- Tenant Relocation Plan – ideas on how to strengthen it;
- Real estate investment trusts – is this utilized in Vancouver?
- Notice of Council Members' Motion – "Unintended Consequences: Reconsideration of a Council Direction That May Affect Housing in the City of Vancouver".

7. New Business

(a) Speaking at Public Hearings

MOVED by Elinor Carlton
SECONDED by Megan Morrow

THAT the Renters Advisory Committee designate Taylor Fleming and Louise Chivers to speak on behalf of the Committee at Public Hearings on agenda items relating to rentals;

FURTHER THAT the Renters Advisory Committee, as a whole, would need to approve the speaker's submission statement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Louise Chivers
SECONDED by Megan Morrow

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Working Session:

DATE: February 19, 2020
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Cascadia Room
Third Floor, City Hall

Next Meeting:

DATE: March 25, 2020
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Cascadia Room
Third Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:39 pm.

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