



RENTERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JANUARY 19, 2022

A meeting of the Renters Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 5:42 pm, by electronic means.

PRESENT: Tanya Webking (Co-Chair)
Eva Ciesielska
Robert Penkala
Mitchell Prost
Victor Rizov
Kit Sauder
Jacint Simon
Aidan Shirley

ABSENT: Travis Barker (Leave of Absence)
Michael Biskar
Adam Huizinga
Steve Kim (Leave of Absence)
Liam Menard
Oliver South
Jenny Tan (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Jean Swanson, Council Liaison
Jennifer Hales, Social Planner, Homelessness Services
and Affordable Housing, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Irina Dragnea, Meeting Coordinator

WELCOME

Tanya Webking, Co-Chair, acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Kit Sauder
SECONDED by Robert Penkala

THAT the Renters Advisory Committee approve a leaves of absence for Travis Barker, Steve Kim and Jenny Tan, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes – November 10, 2021

MOVED by Kit Sauder
SECONDED by Aiden Shirley

THAT the Renters Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of November 10, 2021, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Election of Co-Chairs (2022)

The Committee agreed to deal with this item at the next regular Committee meeting.

2. Liaison Updates

Councillor Swanson, Council Liaison, provided information on the following:

- Staff implemented vacancy control in Single Room Occupancy rentals
- Members' Motion - Making Home: Housing For All Of Us
- Future of replacing rental housing
 - o Recommendations to improve the Tenancy Relocation Policy – so that all tenants are given the right of first refusal at current rents and have the rent top-off during construction

Councillor Swanson also responded to questions.

3. Work Plan

Following discussion, it was

MOVED by Kit Sauder
SECONDED by Victor Rizov

WHEREAS

1. The term of the Vancouver City Council, and the term of the Renters Advisory Committee will expire within the year (2022);
2. The Vancouver Plan is expected to come for decision before this current Council no later than June of 2022; and
3. The Vancouver Plan is expected to direct the planning of the city's built environment for the next 30 years.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Renters Advisory Committee focus its efforts on contributing its insights and priorities to The Vancouver Plan process, in order to champion additional space, supports, protections, and affordability for renters.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Staff Presentations and Future Meetings Structure

The Committee unanimously agreed that staff presentations be emailed to the Committee, along with a summary of the project and feedback questions, instead of presented at a Committee meeting, and all feedback will be provided via email.

6. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Tanya Webking
SECONDED by Kit Sauder

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, March 09, 2022
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: TBA

The Committee adjourned at 7:20 pm.

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