



RENTERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MARCH 9, 2022

A meeting of the Renters Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 5:35 pm, by electronic means.

PRESENT:

Kit Sauder (Co-Chair)
Tanya Webking (Co-Chair)
Travis Barker
Eva Ciesielska
Steve Kim
Robert Penkala
Victor Rizov
Jacint Simon
Aidan Shirley

ABSENT:

Michael Biskar
Adam Huizinga (Leave of Absence)
Liam Menard
Mitchell Prost (Leave of Absence)
Jenny Tan (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor Pete Fry, Council Liaison
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

Staff acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

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Prior to the start of the meeting, the Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda and firstly deal with Item 3, Liaison Updates, followed by Item 2, Broadway Plan Update, and then the remainder of the agenda.

For clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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3. Liaison Updates

Councillor Fry, Council Liaison, informed the Committee that he submitted a notice of Council Members' Motion entitled "Strengthening the Conditions of Landlord Licensing in Vancouver", that will be placed on the Council meeting agenda for March 29, 2022, and invited the Committee to provide their feedback on the draft. Councillor Fry also responded to questions.

Councillor Swanson, Council Liaison, informed the Committee that she has submitted two notices of Council Members' Motions entitled "Using the Capital Plan to Help Reach Our Housing Affordability Targets", that will be placed on the Council meeting agenda for March 29, 2022, and "Asking for a Change to the Vancouver Charter to Allow the City to Levy a Progressive Property Tax", that will be placed on the Council meeting agenda for April 12, 2022, and invited the Committee to provide their feedback on them. Councillor Swanson also responded to questions.

2. Broadway Plan Update

Jessie Singer, Planner, Housing Policy, Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability, provided a presentation, and along with Chris Mah, Planner-Broadway Plan, Special Projects Office, Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability, responded to questions.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Aidan Shirley
SECONDED by Jacint Simon

THAT the Renters Advisory Committee approve a leaves of absence for Adam Huizinga, Mitchell Prost, and Jenny Tan, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes – January 19, 2022

MOVED by Aidan Shirley
SECONDED by Robert Penkala

THAT the Renters Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of January 19, 2022, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Election of Co-Chairs (2022)

MOVED by Jacint Simon
SECONDED by Aidan Shirley

THAT the Renters Advisory Committee appoint Kit Sauder and Tanya Webking, as Co-Chairs, until November 22, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Kit Sauder abstained from the vote)

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At this point in the meeting, Kit Sauder and Tanya Webking assumed the roles of Co-Chairs.

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4. New Business

(a) Broadway Plan – Committee Feedback

Kit Sauder, Co-Chair, enquired with the Committee on the best way to provide feedback to Council on the upcoming Broadway Plan, scheduled to be presented to Council in May 2022. The Committee agreed to draft a letter and also to register to speak at the Council meeting. The Co-Chairs encouraged the Committee members to come up with three priorities each in order to be able to draft three to five overarching priorities for the letter.

(b) Timeline of Upcoming Staff Reports and Committee Meetings

Kit Sauder, Co-Chair, enquired if a timeline can be provided of the Committee's meeting schedule as well as deadlines for feedback on the Broadway Plan and the Vancouver Plan. The Meeting Coordinator agreed to provide those details.

(c) Renter Services Centre Update

Jennifer Hales, Staff Liaison, noted that the second update on the Renter Services Centre is scheduled to go before Council on July 5, 2022. The Committee agreed they would like to be kept up to date on this topic.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Kit Sauder
SECONDED by Tanya Webking

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, May 25, 2022
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: TBA

The Committee adjourned at 7:38 pm.

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