



City of Mountain View

Minutes

Rental Housing Committee

Monday, June 28, 2021

7:00 PM Video Conference with No Physical Meeting Location

1. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Committee Member Julian Pardo de Zela, Committee Member Emily Ramos, Committee Member Guadalupe Rosas, Vice Chair Nicole Haines-Livesay, Chair Susyn Almond, and Alternate Matthew Grunewald

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

3.1 Approve the Minutes for June 14, 2021 RHC Meeting

MOTION: M/S - Haines-Livesay / Almond - To approve the minutes for the June 14, 2021 RHC meeting.

Yes: 5 - Committee Member Pardo de Zela, Committee Member Ramos, Committee Member Rosas, Vice Chair Haines, and Chair Almond

4. CONSENT CALENDAR - None

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Steven Goldstein suggested the RHC hire a 3rd party consultant to look into the structural soundness of CSFRA buildings to avoid a situation similar to the Florida building collapse.

6. APPEAL HEARINGS

6.1 Appeal of Decision Re: Petition 2021001

Karen Tiedemann, Special Counsel, Goldfarb and Lipman, presented an oral report and responded to questions.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR WITH COMMENTS:

No public comments received.

PRESENTATION AND ARGUMENTS BY APPELLANT-LANDLORD - Enlightened Investmnets, Inc. representative, Daniel Marsh

PRESENTATION AND ARGUMENTS BY RESPONDENT-TENANTS - Ananda Church of Self-Realization of Palo Alto representative, Emily Charley

PRESENTATION AND ARGUMENTS BY APPELLANT-LANDLORD - Enlightened Investmnets, Inc. representative, Daniel Marsh

PRESENTATION AND ARGUMENTS BY RESPONDENT-TENANTS - none

MOTION: M/S - Ramos / Almond (with a friendly amendment by Committee Member Haines-Livesay) - To affirm the tentative appeal decision in its entirety with the inclusion of adjustments to the Hearing Officer's decision to allow the parties to implement the rent rebate between August 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021 with no rent increase allowed if the rent rebate has not been paid in full and the property has not registered with the RHC. The rent reduction will go into effect on August 1, 2021 and the rent refund will be adjusted to include potential rent overpayments from May - July 2021.

Yes: 5 - Committee Member Pardo de Zela, Committee Member Ramos, Committee Member Rosas, Vice Chair Haines, and Chair Almond

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

8. NEW BUSINESS - None

9. COMMITTEE/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, REQUESTS, AND COMMITTEE

Committee Member Ramos and Rosas would City staff to provide a report regarding Conservice utility billing services to a future RHC meeting.

Chair Almond would like to include master-tenant / sub-tenant relationships and statute of limitations on downward adjustment of rent to the list RHC work plan topics.

10. ADJOURNMENT - At 8:13 p.m., Chair Ramos adjourned the meeting to the next RHC meeting to be held on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via video conference.