



City of Mountain View

Minutes

Rental Housing Committee

Monday, January 25, 2021

7:00 PM Video Conference with No Physical Meeting Location

1. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION: M/S - Haines-Livesay / Almond - To approve the minutes for the December 14, 2020 RHC meeting.

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

4. CONSENT CALENDAR - None

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Steve explained that the Rental Housing Fee should have similar provisions as the State eviction moratorium for those landlord who have not received rent due to the Covid-19 financial hardships of tenants.

Bee Hanson states mobile homes should be covered under the CSFRA.

Alex Brown urged the RHC to consider covering mobile homes under the CSFRA.

Tim Larson expressed his desire see mobile homes covered by rent stabilization.

Anna Marie Morales explained why mobile home should be covered by the CSFRA.

Joan Brodovsky told the committee that mobile homes need rent protections under the law.

Kristen Anderson stated that the CSFRA should cover mobile homes.

6. APPEAL HEARINGS - None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Rent Stabilization Program Staffing Plan

Program Manager van Deursen presented a report and responded to questions.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR WITH COMMENTS:

Alex Brown

Tim Larson

MOTION: M/S - Almond/ Haines-Livesay - To expand the CSFRA staffing positions with one additional 1FTE Senior Management Analyst and upgrade the position of Office Assistant I/II to Secretary for the remainder of this fiscal year 20/21 as well as following fiscal years.

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

8.2 Capital Improvement Petition Process Study Session

Receive background information and consider potential policy options related to a Capital Improvement Petition Process for Temporary Upward Adjustment of Rent.

Analyst Black presented a report and responded to questions.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR WITH COMMENTS:

Edie Keating

The RHC received presentation on Capital Improvement Petition Process for Temporary Upward Adjustment of Rent and provided feedback on potential policy options. A second study session will be scheduled for an upcoming RHC meeting.

8.3 Update on Recent Legislation, Proposed Legislation and Relevant Case Law

Karen Tiedemann, Special Counsel, Goldfarb presented a report and responded to questions.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR WITH COMMENTS:

Alex Brown

The RHC received a presentation with regard to updates on recent legislation, proposed legislation and relevant case laws.

MOTION: M/S - Almond / Grunewald - To move agenda item 8.4, Bi-Annual Review of Consumer Price Indices for Fair Return Calculations of Petitions for Upward Adjustment, to the next RHC meeting on February 22, 2021.

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

8.4 Bi-Annual Review of Consumer Price Indices for Fair Return Calculations of Petitions for Upward Adjustment

This agenda item has moved to the February 22, 2021 RHC meeting.

9. COMMITTEE/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, REQUESTS, AND COMMITTEE**9.1** Monthly Activity Report December 2020

Analyst Black presented the monthly status reports for December 2020.

9.2 Update on City's COVID-19 landlord/tenant programs

Analyst Kennedy presented an update on the City's landlord and tenant COVID19 programs.

9.3 Upcoming Monthly Workshops and Office Hours

Analyst Black presented the upcoming workshop, clinic and office hours.

10. ADJOURNMENT - At 10:25 p.m., Chair Ramos adjourned the meeting to the next RHC meeting to be held on Monday February 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via video conference.