



City of Mountain View

Minutes

Rental Housing Committee

Monday, October 18, 2021

7:00 PM

Video Conference with
No Physical Meeting Location

1. CLOSED SESSION

The closed session was called to order at 7:01 P.M.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR WITH COMMENTS:

No public comments received.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

- Name of Case: Redwood Villa, Inc. v. City of Mountain View and Mountain View Rental Housing Committee, Santa Clara County Superior Court Case Number 18CV322991. Conference with Legal Counsel- Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1); Redwood Villa Inc. vs. City of Mountain View, Mountain View Rental Housing Committee (Case No. 18CV322991)
- Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation-Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

2. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:22 P.M.

3. ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Committee Member Julian Pardo de Zela, Committee Member Emily Ramos, Vice Chair Nicole Haines-Livesay, Chair Susyn Almond, and Alternate Matthew Grunewald

Absent 1 - Committee Member Guadalupe Rosas

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR WITH COMMENTS:

No public comments received.

MOTION - M/S - Ramos/Haines-Livesay - To approve the Consent Calendar with a friendly amendment by Vice-Chair Haines-Livesay to correct the name of the RHC Chair on the September 20, 2021 minutes to read, "Chair Almond adjourned the meeting to the next RHC meeting to be held on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via video conference."

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

Absent: 1 - Committee Member Rosas

4.1 Approve the Minutes for September 20, 2021 RHC Meeting

4.2 Resolution Making Findings Authorizing Continued Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Rental Housing Committee Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions, as amended by Assembly Bill No. 361

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No public comments received.

6. APPEAL HEARINGS - None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Acceptance of Appeal of Decision Re: Petition 20210001

MOTION: M/S - Grunewald/Haines-Livesay - To extend the Public Comment allotted speaking time for the Landlord Respondent and the Tenant Appellant to five minutes, with the Tenant Appellant speaking first.

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

Absent: 1 - Committee Member Rosas

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

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR WITH COMMENTS:

Tenant Respondent - Steven Goldstein

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MOTION: M/S - Ramos/Pardo de Zela - To reject Petitioner's late filed appeal of the Hearing Officer's Decision.

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

Absent: 1 - Committee Member Rosas

8.2 Mobile Home Rent Stabilization Ordinance Implementation

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

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR WITH COMMENTS:

Bee Hanson

Alex Brown

The RHC receive a presentation of the Mobile Home Rent Stabilization Ordinance, as adopted by City Council, accept the authorization to implement and administer the MHRSO and provided feedback for the Rental Housing Committee work plan.

8.3 Draft Regulations for Voluntary Agreements to Temporarily Reduce Rent

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

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR WITH COMMENTS:

No public comments received.

MOTION: M/S - Haines-Livesay/Grunewald - To adopt a Resolution of the Rental Housing Committee to amend Regulations Chapter 7 for Voluntary Agreements to Temporarily Reduce Rent.

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

Absent: 1 - Committee Member Rosas

8.4 Update on Eviction Prevention Program

Analyst Kennedy presented a report and responded to questions.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR WITH COMMENTS:

Alex Brown

MOTION: M/S - Ramos - To reallocate \$10,000 from the \$45,000 budgeted legal services for the Eviction Prevention Program to translations and one-on-one support services and reallocate the remaining \$35,000 funds for the Eviction Prevention Program to be spent at Staff's discretion and to authorize the RHC to send a letter to the City Council in support of expanding translation services and one-on-one support for the Eviction Help Center.

Motion fails for a lack of second.

MOTION: M/S - Haines-Livesay/Ramos - To unrestrict \$15,000 from the \$45,000 budgeted legal services for the Eviction Prevention Program to translations and one-on-one support services with the remaining \$30,000 still restricted to legal services.

Yes: 4 - Committee Member Ramos, Vice Chair Haines-Livesay, Chair Almond, and Alternate Grunewald

No: 1 - Committee Member Pardo de Zela

Absent: 1 - Committee Member Rosas

MOTION: M/S - Ramos/Haines-Livesay - To authorize the RHC to send a letter to the City Council requesting increased resources for the Multicultural Engagement Program explaining how the resources are helpful to the Eviction Help Center and the City as a whole.

Yes: 4 - Committee Member Ramos, Vice Chair Haines-Livesay, Chair Almond, and Alternate Grunewald

No: 1 - Committee Member Pardo de Zela

Absent: 1 - Committee Member Rosas

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

9.1 Monthly Status Report September 2021

Senior Management Analyst Black presented the monthly status report.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR WITH COMMENTS:
Edie Keating

9.2 Upcoming Monthly Workshops, Clinics and Office Hours

Senior Management Analyst Black presented the monthly status report.

10. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Karen Tiedemann, Special Counsel, reported out from closed session that the RHC received a report on pending litigation and no action was taken

11. ADJOURNMENT - At 10:34 p.m., Chair Almond adjourned the meeting to the next RHC meeting to be held on Monday, October 15, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. via video conference.