



City of Mountain View

CITY HALL
500 CASTRO STREET

Minutes

Rental Housing Committee

*Chair Honey, Vice Chair Ortiz, Committee Members Grunewald, Means, Ramos and Pardo de Zela
(alternate)*

Thursday, June 8, 2017

7:00 PM

Council Chambers - 500 Castro St.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Vice Chair Ortiz, Chairperson Honey, Committee Member Grunewald, Committee Member Ramos, Committee Member Means, and Pardo de Zela (alternate)

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR WITH COMMENTS:

John Inks

3.1 Minutes for May 22, 2017

MOTION: M/S - Ramos/ Means

To approve minutes for May 22, 2017 RHC meeting with the correction to John Inks' statement in Oral Communication from the Public: John Inks encouraged the committee to look at the legal/economic effects of the CSFRA on landlords and tenants.

Yes: 5 - Vice Chair Ortiz, Chairperson Honey, Committee Member Grunewald, Committee Member Ramos, and Committee Member Means

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Sue Graham introduced Tamara Lewis as an observer from the League of Women Voters.

Susan Almond, tenant, shared the effects of high rents on her family.

Steven Goldstein expressed concern regarding legality of CSFRA effective date.

Alison Hicks, homeowner, supports CSFRA as a response to the erosion of community and growing homelessness.

Mike Fischetti informed committee of the broad support for CSFRA by the Mountain View community as a whole.

Marilyn Winkleby shared stories with the committee about community members effected by high rents.

Emey Chu, property owner, expressed concern about the burdens of the CSFRA on landlords.

Anna Marie Morales requested that the CSFRA also apply to mobile homes.

Job Lopez reminded the committee of their obligation to act fairly and justly.

Elizabeth Lindsey encouraged the committee to look at cost increases and their effect on small landlords.

5 PUBLIC HEARING

6 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 General Adjustment of Rent for 2016

City Attorney Quinn presented an oral staff report and responded to questions.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR WITH COMMENTS:

Steven Goldstein

Curt Conroy

Tino B.

Patrick Moore

Gail Nyhan

Joe Maydak

Gavansala

Emey Chu

MOTION: M/S - Ramos/ Means

The RHC deferred consideration of AGA for Gap between October 19, 2015 - February 2016

Yes: 4 - Vice Chair Ortiz, Committee Member Grunewald, Committee Member Ramos, and Committee Member Means

No: 1 - Chairperson Honey

6.2 Update on Public Input Process for Consideration of Fair Return Standard

Associate Planner van Deursen presented an oral staff report and responded to questions.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR WITH COMMENTS:

Tamara Lewis
Partick Moore
Edie Keating
Joan MacDonald

The RHC did not take any action.

7 NEW BUSINESS**7.1** Consider Petition Process Regulations for Individual Rent Adjustment under the CSFRA

Associate Planner van Deursen presented an oral staff report and responded to questions.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR WITH COMMENTS:

Steve Welter
Emily Hislop
Tino B.
Joe Maydak
Curtis Conroy
Patrick Moore
Brian
Edie Keating
Philip Cosby
Elizabeth Lindsey
Steven Goldstein

The RHC presented some suggestions to staff and decided to consider the Petition Process regulations, the Hearing Process regulations and a Fair Rate of Return standard together at a future meeting.

7.2 Hearing Officer Criteria, Remuneration and Hiring Process

Associate Planner van Deursen presented an oral staff report and responded to questions.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR WITH COMMENTS:

Mike Kasperzak

Emily Hislop

Joe Maydak

Patrick Moore

John Inks

Tino B.

Edie Keating

The RHC agreed with the staff recommendations regarding hearing officer criteria, remuneration and hiring process. These items will be presented in future meetings.

8 COMMISSION/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, REQUESTS, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

9 ADJOURNMENT - At 10:54 p.m., Chair Honey adjourned the meeting to the next RHC Committee Meeting to be held on Monday, June 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 500 Castro Street.