

## SEATTLE RENTERS' COMMISSION (SRC) SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

January 31, 2025

4:00-5:00 PM

Webex link and Seattle City Hall, Room L280

**Purpose:** The Seattle Renters' Commission (SRC) was established to represent the interest of renters located in Seattle, to advise and make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on public policy matters of importance to renters citywide.

**Commissioners in attendance** Kate Rubin, Lydia Felty, Julissa Sanchez

**Commissioners not in attendance** Dan Godfrey, Atif Osami

**People with pending appointments in attendance:** Julia Payne

**Representatives from additional commissions in attendance:** Jessa Gavrielle, Emily Rose Barr, Brett Pepowski, Chris Curia

**Staff:** Laura Jenkins

**Quorum:** Yes

**Public Comment:** Yes

(Transcriber's note: These minutes provide a summary of key points discussed. A full recording is available upon request.)

### Welcome & Acknowledgments

- Land and labor acknowledgments led by Commissioner Rubin.

### Approval of Agenda and Public Comment

- The agenda for January 31, 2025 meeting was approved.

### Discuss Hosting Possible Renter Listening Session

- The LGBTQ Commission and Women's Commission are interested in co-hosting a renter listening session that would be part know your rights and also with the goal of getting input on what commissions should be prioritizing.
  - The Women's Commission has an Affordable Housing Subcommittee.
- The group would like to provide interpretation.
  - They discussed languages most spoken in Seattle and the logistics around providing interpretation in multiple languages.
- Timeline:
  - The group decided to tentatively move forward with planning for an event in April.
- Location:
  - Possibly the Seattle Public Library – Central Branch
  - Virtual meeting before or after in person meeting
    - For accessibility
- Budget:
  - Seattle Renters' Commission has \$5,000 for all expenses in 2025.
- Number of Attendees:
  - Needs more discussion. May be based on budget.
- Follow-up items:
  - Staff Liaison Jenkins will check in on:
    - If Office of Civil Rights can provide funds for childcare
    - Language access and interpretation services costs and funding

- Using interpretation headsets provided by Seattle Department of Neighborhoods
  - Library rentals
- Kate Rubin said that she can follow up with an organization that serves the Chinese-speaking community and ask if a listening session would be helpful for their community and would they show up.
- Julia Payne created a shared document to help track planning for the event. The document can be viewed by all commissioners but can only be edited by the same two Seattle Renters' Commissioners (less than quorum -- to abide by the Open Public Meetings Act - OPMA).

#### **Next Steps and Closing**

- Group will work in planning document (with OPMA requirements in mind) and will schedule meeting to work out more details in the coming weeks.
- Renters' Commission will also discuss this topic at their next meeting on 2/4.

#### **Decisions made during this meeting:**

1. The group would like to hold a renters' listening session in April 2025 (possibly one in person and one virtual). Details to be worked out at a future planning meeting.

**Meeting Adjournment Time:** 4:56 PM