

**SEATTLE RENTERS' COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

7/12/2023

2:00-3:00PM

WebEx and Rm370 ([directions](#))

**Commissioners Present:** Kim McGillivray, Kate Rubin, Lydia Felty, Sendia, Dan Godfrey, Atif Osmani, Char Smith, Julissa Sanchez

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**Commissioners Absent:** none

**Commission Staff:** Zach Frimmel, Department of Neighborhoods

*(Transcriber's Note: Seattle Renters' Commission meeting minutes are not an exact transcript and represent key points and the basis of discussion. The recording of the minutes is available upon request.)*

**Welcome**

**6:30 – 6:40 PM**

- Do work group categories still work for us?
- What are we moving forward with?
  - **Outreach/Communications/Recruitment** -- Dan, Kim, Kate, Atif
    - Social media (rotating between commissioners)
    - Commission recruitment
    - Important, but not sure if we're well equipped to provide resources
    - Trying to get renters to come to meetings to verbalize their experience
    - Partnering with other Boards & Commissions
  - **Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion** -- Sendia, Lydia, Julissa
    - Translation and Language access, and funding for it
      - Spanish and other languages
    - City library rotation for meetings
    - Outreach to organizations who have already done tenant rights materials
    - Research on discrepancy of different marginalized groups and then share out to other work groups
  - **Housing Supply** – Dan, Sendia
    - Comp Plan is up for review and impacts renters
    - Current and future legislative efforts (including I-135)
  - **Tenant Protections** – Kate, Lydia, Julissa, Kim (writing duties)
    - Rebooting old ideas that are still address current needs
    - Enforcement mechanisms/landlord accountability

**Additional Notes:**

- Commissioners (with quorum) voted “Yes” to support the Seattle Renter Organizing Council’s letter to City Council regarding the creation of an Office of Renters' Rights Standards.
- Commissioners (with quorum) tabled their vote to support the Winter and Extreme Weather Sweeps Ban until everyone has a chance to look over the proposal
- Each work group creates their own timeline, goals, and strategies
- Anything SRC endorses should get promoted on social media
- Any commissioners in the pipeline?

**Adjourn  
PM**

**8:00**