**SEATTLE RENTERS’ COMMISSION MINUTES**

January 4, 2023

Webex

**Purpose**: The Seattle Renters’ Commission 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.

In attendance: Lydia Felty, ChrisTiana ObeySumner, Matthew Mitnick, Atif Osmani, Arianna Laureano, Abel, Kim McGillivray, Dan Godfrey

Staff: Alexis Izor, Waing Waing

**Welcome and Announcements**

Quick Introductions

**Public Comment (see reverse)**

* Enforcement of Tenant Laws: Currently in Seattle, the students renting has become deplorable with space limitations, bed bug infestation and limited city support.
* Landlord accountability regarding hazardous living conditions and SDCI cases for renters who do not have funding support to move out of these hazardous living conditions. All cost were charged to the tenants without any fines/consequences for the landlords.
  + SRC plans to enforce landlord accountability clause/fee proposal to keep landlords in compliance with SDCI codes with applying consequences if they do not.

**Workgroup Meeting Times**

* Operations Manager from the Mayors Office will attend a future meeting on the behalf of Deputy Mayor Washington
  + SRC will write up questions and concerns to send to the mayor’s Office ahead of time.
* 2023 Workplan goals & strategies:
  + Data-driven on the Seattle renter’s community
  + Communicate renter rights with equity, transparent and educational resources to navigate programs/fundings
  + Establish tenant laws for students, students are currently do not have tenant laws while renting
  + Partnering with city departments to provide funding for SRC research & political networking
  + Applying the housing voucher throughout Seattle for everyone
    - Providing affordable housing support, such as the cost living adjustment and oriented tenant resources need to be implemented to promote equitable income-based rentals
    - Help to build enforcement within the renters’ laws & clauses

**Commissioner Opportunity to Share**

* 2023 Co-Chair Nomination: open enrollment to apply for annual election. There will be an election process, such as random selection picking
  + Co-Chair nominations will need to notify DON by January to be selected
  + Co-chair nominations will provide short bio for commissioners to review
  + Election votes will be submitted at the February meeting
  + Reappointment notifications will be sent via email to all Commissioners

**Adjourn**

**MAKING PUBLIC COMMENT**

* Public comment period allows individuals to inform and advise the Commission about issues, problems, or concerns.
* Register to attend through the Webex link provided for the meeting.
* During the meeting, the Chair will ask the public to use the Raise Hand function to be added to the public comment list. To use the Raise Hand function:
  + **Online/Desktop App Users**
    - Click the Participants button that sits at the bottom right corner of the window
    - Click on the hand icon that sits at the bottom right corner of the Participants List
  + **Mobile App Users**
    - Click the Participants button that sits at the top right corner of the window
    - Click Raise Hand that sits at the bottom right corner of the Participants List
  + **Call-in Users**
    - Press \*3 to raise your hand
* Once called upon, you will be unmuted with a limit of 2 minutes to speak.
* Provide clear and concise comments.
* Avoid repeating comments already expressed by others.
* After speaking, Lower Hand by using the method to Raise Hand.