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Meeting Minutes - Draft LANDLORD AND TENANT ISSUES COMMITTEE

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Thursday, April 21, 2022

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

The City of Madison is holding the Landlord and Tenant Issues Committee meeting virtually to help protect our community from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chair Sparer called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

Staff in attendance included: Amanda Hoadley, Gabriela Arteaga, Director Matt Tucker, Assistant City Attorney Steve Brist, Hearing Examiner Mitch

Present: 5 - Nikki Conklin; Hannah L. Renfro; Curtis V. Brink; Noah L. Lieberman and David R. Sparer

Absent: 2 - Juliana R. Bennett and Felix Y. Huang

Excused: 1 - Soong Kit Wong

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brink moves to approve the minutes. Alder Conklin seconds the motion. The committee approves the motion unanimously with an amendment to item 5 to

specify that the item was approved unanimously.

3. [70907](#) PUBLIC COMMENT (04/21/2022)

Attachments: [LTIC Registration Report 4-21-22.pdf](#)

Pearl Foster spoke on rent abatement and retaliation process. Sparer was previously Pearl's lawyer.

4. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. [69843](#) Manufactured Home Lot Rentals - MGO 9.23

State law limits us from fully addressing this topic. There is a separate State statute section (710.15) about manufactured home tenants. Mitch says mobile home is defined incorrectly in the ordinances (home older than 1976) so the ordinances could use some updates (mobile home to manufactured home). Next month we will take a closer look at MGO 9.23.

6. [70906](#) Discuss ways to publicize rent abatement and addresses that have had complaints.

Sparer has discussed with Arteaga and Donoso the option of one staff and one committee member going on the radio to discuss changes to the RA program. BI is planning to send a letter to all landlords to tell them about the changes. BI is updating the information that gets sent to landlords when their tenant is able to abate rent. BI staff could attend tenant education group meetings. Renfro suggests scheduling a training with TRC to review updates.

7. [66903](#) Review and act on rent abatement ordinance changes

Attachments: [6517rentabate32.04.pdf](#)
[6518rentabatedate.pdf](#)

Lieberman asks about section 2 where it says "occupant" at each to owner of the. Brist will look into this section and make sure this section is worded correctly. For implementation, the changes go into effect when the Mayor signs off next week, but Matt suggests that we slowly implement the changes as new complaints are made, not change the process for complaints/cases/RA eligibility that is already in the middle of the process. Brist will check with the City Attorney on this. We need to specify if new complaints or new RA eligibility is the cut off for implementing the new process.

8. [48913](#) Discuss topics and issues for future meetings.

Discuss Item 5 again, MFH. Have a representative from the Equal Opportunities Division give a presentation on the retaliation process.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Brink moves to adjourn the meeting. Lieberman seconds the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:57 pm.