



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved LANDLORD AND TENANT ISSUES COMMITTEE

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Thursday, June 20, 2013

4:30 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 260 (Madison Municipal Building)

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Brink called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM.

Staff: George Hank and Meg Zopelis

Present: 6 -

Scott J. Resnick; Charles L. Breunig; Jill A. Severson; Curtis V. Brink;  
David R. Sparer and Michael A. Stluka

Excused: 1 -

Paul E. Skidmore

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Resnick, seconded by Sparer, to Approve the Minutes of April 18, 2013. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Brenda Konkel spoke on this being the worse housing situation. There are a lot of non-renewals on leases, particularly because of Section 8, and there is a low vacancy rate. Conviction records are hurting people and seniors are having a hard time. There is a huge increase at the Tenant Resource Center.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Severson disclosed that she is a member of the Apartment Association.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [30598](#) Nicholas Zavos, Governmental Relations Officer for Mayor's Office, present to discuss actions by the State Legislature with regard to Landlord and Tenant issues.

Attachments: [Konkel Reg 1 6-20-13.pdf](#)

Nicholas Zavos, Governmental Relations Officer for the Mayor's Office, spoke on actions by the State Legislature with regard to landlord and tenant issues. He said that the vote passed in the Assembly and there should be a vote in the Senate next week. He believes this would pass some time in September. If this goes through, the City cannot require landlords to disclose anything to the tenant or the City that is not required by Federal Law. In effect, the Rental Property Emergency Contact would go away. He will update the Committee as he learns of additional information.

2. [29687](#) Hiring of Alternate Rent Abatement Hearing Examiner

**Attachments:** [Contract for Services Announcement\\_Alt RA Hearing Examiner DRAFT.docx](#)

Hank updated the Committee. There will be a posting in the Dane County Bar Association flyer in mid July. The Building Inspection Division will take in applications and the Committee will interview the Rent Abatement Hearing Examiner Candidates.

3. [30155](#) Approval of Landlord & Tenant Issues Committee 2013 Meeting Schedule

**Attachments:** [2013 LT Schedule.pdf](#)

Resnick indicated will have a conflict for the next year and can only stay for the first 45 minutes of each meeting.

Several people would not be able to attend the August 15th meeting, as that is student move in.

A motion was made by Stluka, seconded by Sparer, to Approve the Landlord and Tenant Issues Committee Schedule for 2013 with one change, cancellation of the August 15, 2013 meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

## ROLL CALL

Resnick left at 5:19 PM.

**Present:** 5 -  
Charles L. Breunig; Jill A. Severson; Curtis V. Brink; David R. Sparer and Michael A. Stluka

**Excused:** 2 -  
Scott J. Resnick and Paul E. Skidmore

4. [30158](#) Discussion about Tenant and Landlord Rights and Responsibilities Pamphlet

**Attachments:** [TenantLandlordBrochure.pdf](#)

There was discussion on how critical the Tenant and Landlord Rights and

**Responsibilities Pamphlet is for both sides. Changes may occur based on what happens at the State level.**

5. [30599](#) Discussion on meeting topics for the upcoming year.

**Keep on Agenda for next meeting.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Sparer, seconded by Breunig, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**