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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, March 18, 2021

5:00 PM

Via Virtual Meeting

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1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Acting Chair Alder Prestigiaco calls the meeting to order at 5:14 PM.

Present: 4 - Max Prestigiaco; Molly A. Wells; Curtis V. Brink and Soong Kit Wong

Excused: 2 - Megan D. Osowski and David R. Sparer

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Wong moves approval of minutes, Wells seconds. Unanimous approval.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

4. **DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS**

No disclosures or recusals.

5. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

6. [63896](#) Amending Section 32.04(4)(d) of the Madison General Ordinances to allow the Rent Abatement Hearing Examiner to Order Abatement of Rent Under Multiple Sections of the Impairing List.

Wong moves to send the amendment to Council for adoption. Brink seconds.

7. [64230](#) Discussion of criteria for distributing future rent assistance funds and possible recommendations.

Arteaga got ahold of Jim O’Keefe from Housing. They are on the verge of clearing the first hurdle to get more groups access to distributing funds (Neighborly platform). Tenant Resource Center is starting to slowly distribute funds. Had some questions from Amira Khatabi, member of the public.

8. [64231](#) Brief update from staff about the equity analysis in March.

Meeting one happened a couple weeks ago. The next meeting is March 23rd at 12:30PM. The final meeting is scheduled for April 1 at 5PM.

9. [64233](#) Discussion on options for recruiting property owners to our Gold Star program.

Attachments: [LANDLORD AND TENANT BEST PRACTICES CERTIFICATION PROGRAM](#)

Hank and Arteaga will work with Mark Fitzgerald to create some materials.

10. [64283](#) Staff update on virtual inspections

We have done 5 or 6 virtual inspections so far. We are working on the backlog of complaints from November.

11. [48913](#) Discussion of Topics and Issues for Upcoming Meetings

Update on equity analysis (or if complete, discussion of what to try to enact from the suggestions). Update on the Gold Star Program. Update on status of item sent to Council. Update on future emergency funding criteria and discussion on what we can do to encourage landlords to not implement late fees right now. Discussion of tenant protections (from ASM recommendations). Discussion of new State law changes related to tenant rights.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Wells moves to adjourn the meeting, Brink seconds. Unanimously approved.
Meeting adjourned at 6:03PM.