



City of Ann Arbor

Formal Minutes

Renters Commission

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Thursday, September 21, 2023

7:30 PM

Electronic Meeting

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1 **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Zackariah Farah called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM

2 **ROLL CALL**

**All members of the Renters Commission attended the meeting from
Ann Arbor, MI**

Councilmember Harrison joined the meeting at approximately 8 PM

Present: 9 - Zackariah Farah, Gayle Rosen, Cynthia Harrison, Jaymie
Tibbits, Geoffrey Lowes, Robert Droppleman, Rosanita
Ratcliff, Julia Goode, and Kimberly Pitts

Absent: 6 - Robert P Kelly, Dandan Chen, Lucy Peterson, Travis
Radina, Jordan Else, and Arthur Thomas

3 **INTRODUCTIONS**

4 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

**Moved by Lowes, seconded by Ratcliff to approve the agenda as
presented.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA

Moved by Goode, seconded by Ratcliff to amend the agenda to include the following business items:

Update about the Green Fair

A Motion to Support Removal of Michigan's Ban on Rent Control

Unanimously Approved

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED

On a voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5-A [23-1566](#) Minutes of the July 20, 2023 Renters Commission Meeting

Attachments: 7-20-2023 Renters Commission Minutes 10.16.pdf

Moved by Goode, seconded by Lowes, to approve the minutes with the friendly amendment of to correct Commissioner Gayle Rosen's attendance to absent.

Approved unanimously.

6 FIRST GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - THREE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

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No speakers.

Approved as presented

7 BUSINESS

7-A [23-1568](#) Tenant Education Committee Discussion

Received and Filed

7-B Green Fair Discussion

7-C [23-1767](#) Draft Motion: The Ann Arbor Renters Commission requests the Ann Arbor City Council to pass a resolution supporting the removal of the State of Michigan’s ban on rent control, which is Act 226 of 1988.

Moved by Goode, seconded by Lowes that the The Ann Arbor Renters Commission requests the Ann Arbor City Council to pass a resolution supporting the removal of the State of Michigan’s ban on rent control, which is Act 226 of 1988.

Approved Unanimously.

Yeas: 7 - Farah, Tibbits, Lowes, Landlord Advocate Droppleman, Ratcliff, Goode, and Pitts

Nays: 0

Absent: 6 - P Kelly, Chen, Peterson, Radina, Landlord Advocate Else, and Thomas

7-D **Planning for the October 19, 2023 Renters Commission Meeting**

Data regarding fine collection from inspectors

Tenant Education Committee Update

Green Fair Review

Right to Counsel

Evictions

Short Term Rentals

Presented

8 REPORTS

8-A **Reports from Commissioners, Committees, and/or Work Groups**

8-B **Report from HHSAB Liaison**

8-C Report from Staff Liaison**9 SECOND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - THREE MINUTES PER SPEAKER**

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No speakers.

10 COMMUNICATION**10-A [23-1567](#) Various Communication to the Renters Commission**

Attachments: Email from Courthouse Square Resident 1 9.7.2023_Redacted.pdf, Email from Courthouse Square Resident 1 9.18.2023_Redacted.pdf, Email from Courthouse Square Resident 2 9.11.2023_Redacted.pdf, Email from Downtown Resident 1 9.16.2023_Redacted.pdf, Response from Lisa League-Bellinger KMG Prestige_Redacted.pdf

Received and Filed

11 ADJOURNMENT

Unanimously adjourned at 8:50 PM

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