



City of Ann Arbor

Formal Minutes

Renters Commission

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Tuesday, July 26, 2022

6:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

Special Meeting - Public comment can be made by phone at: 877 853 5247 or 888 788

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935 8080 1941 or via Zoom by joining the meeting at:

a2gov.org/RentersCommissionMeeting

1 CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

2 ROLL CALL

Commissioner Welch attended the meeting from Ypsilanti, MI.

Commissioner Cohen Smith attended the meeting from Pittsburgh, PA.

Councilmember Radina attended the meeting from Ann Arbor, and Romulus, MI

All other members present attended the meeting from Ann Arbor, MI.

Staff Present:

John Reiser, City of Ann Arbor Senior Assistant City Attorney

Chris Frost, City of Ann Arbor Senior Assistant City Attorney

Sarah Alanis, City of Ann Arbor Board & Commission and FOIA Coordinator

Kristen Vander Lugt, Office Manager, City of Ann Arbor Clerk's Office

Present 11 - Robert P Kelly, Richa Mukerjee, Hannah Cohen Smith, Arthur J Redmond, Zackariah Farah, Cozine A Welch Jr., Lucy Peterson, Elizabeth Nelson, Travis Radina, Gayle Rosen, and Nicholas Roumel

Absent 2 - Kristen Cato, and Dandan Chen

4 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved unanimously, including a friendly amendment to hold a Second Public Comment at the end of the meeting.

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**4-A [22-1307](#) Minutes of the July 7, 2022 Renters Commission Meeting**

Attachments: 7-7-2022 Renters Commission Minutes.pdf

Moved by Redmond, seconded by Kelly, approved unanimously as presented and forwarded to the City Council.

Commissioner Roumel recused due to not yet being appointed to the Commission at the time of the July 26, 2022 Renters Commission meeting.

5 INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Roumel provided a brief introduction.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT

Michelle Hughes, provided information regarding a possible issue regarding renewing leases at a local apartment community.

Evelyn Smith, expressed support for the proposed Right to Renew Ordinance.

Nathan Chesterman, expressed support for the proposed Right to Renew Ordinance.

Zachary Storey, provided information on their renting experience in Ann Arbor and expressed support for the Right to Renew Ordinance.

Faramars, explained that not all renters have the needs of students.

Seeing no further speakers, Public Comment was closed.

7 BUSINESS**7-A [22-1294](#) Approval of Renters Commission Bylaws**

Attachments: Renters Commission Bylaws 7-26-22 - DRAFT.pdf

Amendment 1

Moved by Roumel seconded by Welch to strike section 5.9 of the bylaws.

Approved unanimously.

Yeas: 8 - P Kelly, Mukerjee, Cohen Smith, J Redmond, Farah, A Welch, Peterson, and Roumel

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Cato, and Chen

Amendment 2

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Kelly, to amend the public comment time from two minutes to three minutes in length.

Approved Unanimously.

Yeas: 8 - P Kelly, Mukerjee, Cohen Smith, J Redmond, Farah, A Welch, Peterson, and Roumel

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Cato, and Chen

Moved by Welch, seconded by Redmond, to approve the bylaws as amended.

On a roll call vote, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the Renters Commission Bylaws approved unanimously as amended.

Yeas: 8 - P Kelly, Mukerjee, Cohen Smith, J Redmond, Farah, A Welch, Peterson, and Roumel

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Cato, and Chen

7-B [22-1295](#) Draft Renters Commission Regular Meeting Schedule

Attachments: Draft Renters Commission Regular Meeting Schedule.pdf

The Renters Commission unanimously approved their meeting schedule for regular meetings to take place on the third Thursday of

each month at 7:30 PM

7-C [22-1296](#) Stakeholder Engagement Planning Discussion

Moved by Farah, seconded by Kelly to establish an ad hoc Tenants Town Hall Planning Committee for the purpose of planning stakeholder engagement.

On a roll call vote, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the motion approved.

Yeas: 8 - P Kelly, Mukerjee, Cohen Smith, J Redmond, Farah, A Welch, Peterson, and Roumel

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Cato, and Chen

7-D [22-1297](#) Discussion of Compiled List of Work Plan Items

Attachments: Work Plan Items Worksheet.pdf

The Commission discussed the listed Work Plan and intends to individually rank the items by importance, and approve a compiled list including rankings as a future meeting.

7-E [22-1298](#) Discussion of Proposed Right to Renew Ordinance

Attachments: Proposed Right to Renew Ordinance.pdf, Right to Renew Presentation for 7-26-2022 Meeting.pdf

The Commission discussed scheduling a Special Meeting for the purpose of further discussion and review.

Unanimously postponed to a future meeting, date uncertain.

7-F [22-1299](#) Plan for Next Renters Commission Meeting

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A Foster, expressed support for Renters Commission and their work,

provided feedback on topics discussed at the meeting.

Aram (Last name unknown), discussed the Right to Renew Ordinance, suggesting changes for clarity.

Seeing no other speakers, the Chair closed Second Public Comment.

8 COMMUNICATIONS

8-A [22-1300](#) Communication to the Renters Commission

Attachments: Email from Farah -Renters Commission Communication.pdf, Email from Storey - Renters Commission Communication.pdf, Email from Storey - Housing Voucher Email.pdf, Email from Storey -City Inspection Email.pdf

Received and Filed

9 ADJOURNMENT

Unanimously adjourned at 9:30 PM

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