



City of Seattle
Seattle Renters' Commission

Kim McGillivray & Daniel Godfrey, Co-Chairs

SEATTLE RENTERS' COMMISSION (SRC) MINUTES

February 7, 2024

6:15-7:45 PM

Webex, online

Seattle City Hall, Room 370

Purpose: The Seattle Renters' Commission (SRC) was established to represent the interest of renters located in Seattle, to advise and make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on public policy matters of importance to renters citywide.

Commissioners in attendance: Kim McGillivray, Kate Rubin, Lydia Felty, Atif Osmani, Dan Godfrey, Julissa Sanchez

Commissioners not in attendance: Char Smith, Sendia Registin, Tavo Moline

Public attendance: Julia Payne, Wylie Duffy, Michael McCrystal

Staff: Zach Frimmel, Lydia Faitalia

Quorum: Yes

Minutes approved: None

(Transcriber's Note: Seattle Renters' Commission meeting minutes are not an exact transcript and represent key points and the basis of discussion. The recording of the minutes is available upon request.)

Welcome

Co-chairs opened with Land & Labor Acknowledgements.

Public Comment:

Michael McCrystal had interviewed to be on the SRC so he introduced himself. Single parent living in Columbia City and eager to find more collective solutions for the housing issues. Interested in the SRC because fascinated by how City government works, lifelong track record of being involved in public service, haven't been involved in an elected/appointed position so this is a great next step. Worked with AmeriCorps and has fundraising experience. Expressed there is no one simple answer to the housing issue, but interested in targeted solution on the stressors for the housing inventory and affordability.



SDCI workgroup strategies + discussion:

In regards to the 2024 Council Budget Action workgroup:

<https://council.seattle.gov/wpcontent/uploads/2023/11/Amendment-Group-A-Packet.pdf#page=238>

*Before diving into the priorities and strategies of this selection process, one of the commissioners raised the question of whether the SDCI workgroup would still be moving forward as tenant approved funding was reduced by 6%. Zach will reach out to SDCI to see what the status of the funding and project are.

The SRC moved forward brainstorming an outreach plan for selecting 3 renters for this workgroup. They landed on a short application that was a list of questions that anyone from the public could answer and email to DON_SRC_Liaison@seattle.gov.

1. Are you a renter in the City of Seattle?
2. What skills and experiences will you contribute to the work group? Please include your experiences as a renter in Seattle.
3. What gaps do you see in Seattle's tenant protection laws and enforcement of them? What challenges or opportunities would you like to see addressed?
4. How many hours per week would you have to dedicate to the work group during the remainder of 2024? If your schedule fluctuates by season, please note that.
5. Please feel free to add any additional information you feel is relevant.

With quorum, they voted on whether they want to use the above questions for the application process for the workgroup.

4 votes "Yes"

1 vote "Abstain"

*However, update on 2/8/24 after the meeting, after Zach checked in with SDCI they shared that the Mayor's Office paused this workgroup project until further notice.

2024 terms expiring/renewing + co-chair status:



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Both SRC co-chairs will be stepping down from their co-chair role after 2/29/24. One co-chair will be leaving the SRC and the other will be staying on, but wants to give other commissioners an opportunity to lead. Commissioners were encouraged to think about if they would like to self-elect themselves or elect their peer commissioners to be co-chairs. Zach sent out the roles and commitments for co-chairs so the commissioners could make an informed decision about their capacity and commitment to be co-chair.

Adjourn: 7:45 PM