



SEATTLE RENTERS' COMMISSION (SRC)

MINUTES

May 15, 2024

6:15-7:45 PM

Webex, online

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: Atif Osmani, Julissa Sanchez, Dan Godfrey, Kate Rubin, & Lydia Felty

Staff: Lydia Faitalia & Francesca Murnan

Quorum: Yes

Public Comment: 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

- Land and Labor Acknowledgements were shared by commissioners

Approval of the agenda (May 15); Approval of the Minutes (April 3 and May 3)

- MOTION made by Dan Godfrey, seconded by Kate Rubin to approve the minutes of April 3 and May 3, and May 15 agenda.

Boards and Commissions Onboarding Review



Staff reviewed the documents attached to the agenda:

- Onboarding Packet
 - Seattle Renters Commission Statement of Eligibility
 - Adopted Bylaws
 - Norms, Rules & Procedures
 - Municipal Code
 - City of Seattle Overview
 - Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) Agency Obligations
 - OPMA Electronic Communications & Practice Tips
 - Race and Social Justice Initiative (RSJI) Strategies
 - Ethics FAQ Sheet
 - SRC Bylaws Amendments
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- Staff called attention to the links to required trainings for all city boards and commission members and urged anyone who hasn't already taken these trainings to please do so. Guest speakers available on any of these training topics should anyone be interested in having them attend a future SRC meeting.
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- Commissioners expressed frustration over the length of time it has taken to have SRC appointments appear on the Seattle City Council committee agenda. Kate asked if there was an update about the pending appointments. Department of Neighborhoods has not heard any updates on appointments.

Bylaws review and amendment

Staff suggested revising a few sections, as shown on the highlighted document.

- Article V, Meetings
- Article VIII, Duties of Co-Chairs, section 1



- MOTION by Kate Rubin to amend the bylaws as suggested by staff. Dan Godfrey seconded. Motion passed.

Co-chairs review and possible action

- MOTION by Julissa to appoint Kate as temporary co-chair; Dan seconded. Motion carried.
- MOTION by Kate to appoint Lydia Felty as temporary co-chair; Julissa seconded. Motion carried.

Member updates

- Dan provided an update on the Seattle Social Housing Developer Board. The SRC is responsible for some appointments and commissioners should be using the DON email address for these communications. Kate asked if Dan was willing to reach out to whoever was qualified to ask if they were still interested in being appointed. Dan agreed to do so. Dan will share the responses with commissioners to have a vote at the next SRC meeting. Kate suggested that in his email, Dan ask if anyone expressing interest would like to meet with commissioners. Dan liked the application portal idea posed by Lydia Felty, saying it could help staff the work group if it was open soon. Lydia Felty said there would be value in figuring out the processes now rather than waiting. Kate suggested this be added to the work plan, and in theory people could use the portal to start the application process for joining the SRC. Staff advised they can help review and provide feedback around data collection as the city is concerned with not violating privacy standards by only collecting needed data because of retention laws.
- Kate reported on an issue from the Action Network – a King County Councilmember had put forward a motion that would restrict access to right to counsel. Kate agreed to share this information with commissioners.

Public Comment – None



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Co-chairs: elections in-progress

Adjournment