

Minutes
St. Paul Rent Stabilization Task Force
March 22, 2022

Members present (bold): Katherine Banbury, Tony Barranco, Cecile Bedor, Jay Benanav, Clinton Blaiser, Monica Bravo, Carolyn Brown, Scott Cordes, Phillip Cryan, Arline Datu, Malik Davis, Khayree Duckett, Kelly Elkin, Tou Fang, Jessica Fowler, Thomas Godfrey, Robbie Grossman, Tram Hoang, Myisha Holley, Rich Holst, Mya Honeywell, Abdiaziz Ibrahim, Rawnsion Ivanoff, Nathaniel Khaliq, Chue Kue, Bill Lindeke, Nene Matey-Keke, Carin Mrotz, Tom Nelson, Dalton Outlaw, Kevin Pranis, B. Rosas, Tony Sanneh, Julie Schwartz, Katheryn Schneider, Emmanuel Speare, D'Angelos Svenkeson, Chris Tolbert, Marcus Troy, J. Kou Vang, Clara Ware

City of St. Paul staff present (not italicized):Kirstin Burch, Jon Grebner, David Gorski, Mary Guerra, Brynn Hausz, Tony Johnson, Luis Pereira, Ian Welsh, *Doua Yang, Adam Yust*

CURA staff present (not italicized):C. Terrence Anderson, Tony Damiano, Edward Goetz, Malik Holt-Shabazz, Trupti Storlie

1. Call to order

- The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by Phillip Cryan. The meeting was virtual.

2. Agenda

- Approval of March 22 Minutes
- Announcements
- Post-Meeting Survey Summary
- Rent Stabilization Objective (continued)
- Cross-jurisdictional learnings: Ken Baar

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

- **Vote:** Minutes approved. 79% Yes, 0% No, 21% Abstain

4. Announcement

- Created a resolution to identify direction requested from this Task Force
 - Presented by St. Paul Council Member Chris Tolbert
 - Resolution includes ten different topics that would be helpful (e.g. how to ensure rental rate stabilization, rent increase cap, ensure compliance, ensure that maintenance occurs, etc.)
 - Resolution passed unanimously
 - The desire is that recommendations balances the interests and needs of all stakeholders.

5. Summary of Post-meeting Survey

- Not enough feedback for a full analysis, but two substantive points
- Procedural
 - Members like small group breakouts
 - Members like the Google document to record their own thoughts as the discussion progressed
 - We will continue to employ these techniques
- “Comparisons” to other jurisdictions should be treated as examples
 - Information from other cities’ rent stabilization to share different policy options and how they have been implemented
 - Constrained by the cities that actually have rent stabilization; don’t have a midwestern, large city to directly compare
 - Not intended as a comparison, simply information for you as you go into deliberations.

7. Group Activity: Rent Stabilization Objectives (continued)

- Recapped the steps in the process
 - 3/22 - small group discussions and brainstorming
 - More than 200 individual comments
 - Themed into 12 program outcomes
- Today: Fine tune 12 program outcomes
 - Small group discussion: identify changes to the themes (wording changes, add missing detail)
 - 12 Program outcomes will be updated as working statements moving forward; can be adjusted as deliberation continue, but these will be the target as we evaluate different rent stabilization features.

8. Cross Jurisdictional Learnings: Guest Speaker - Ken Barr

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9. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. by Tony Sanneh.