

**Minutes**  
**St. Paul Rent Stabilization Task Force**  
**March 29, 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:**Kirstin Burch, Jon Grebner, David Gorski, Mary Guerra, Brynn Hausz, Tony Johnson, Luis Pereira, Ian Welsh

**CURA staff present:**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

- City Council passed a resolution to identify direction requested from this Task Force
  - Presented by St. Paul Council Member and Task Force member Chris Tolbert
  - Resolution includes ten different topics the City Council would like the Task Force to address.
  - Resolution passed unanimously

5. Summary of Post-meeting Survey

- Many Task Force members liked the use of Google document to record their own thoughts for small group breakouts
  - We will continue to employ these techniques whenever possible
- Concerns about cities used as “comparisons.”
  - References to other cities are not made for comparison sake, but rather to describe different approaches to rent stabilization, to provide the Task Force with information on as many policy options as possible.

#### 6. 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: React to and possibly fine tune the 12 program outcome statements

#### 7. Cross Jurisdictional Learnings: Guest Speaker - Ken Baar

- Dr. Baar made a presentation and then fielded questions on several topics for consideration by the Task Force.
  - Dr. Baar's talk touched on new construction exemptions, return on investment examples, the use of the consumer price index (CPI) in rent caps, vacancy control and decontrol, banking, and fair return. He also talked about the inter-relatedness of these policy design approaches.

#### 8. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. by Phillip Cryan.