

Minutes
St. Paul Rent Stabilization Task Force
April 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, Richard Holst, Clara Ware

City of St. Paul staff present: Jon Grebner, Brynn Hausz, Tony Johnson, Ian Welsh

CURA staff present: C. Terrence Anderson, Tony Damiano, Edward Goetz, Trupti Storlie

1. Call to order

- The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by **Tony Sanneh**. The meeting was virtual.

2. Agenda

- Approval of April 5 Minutes
- Schedule Adjustments
- Summary of Public Comments
- Break out room re: Public Comments
- Summary of Week 7 polling questions
- Break out room re: Week 7 polling questions

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

- **Vote:** Minutes approved.

4. Schedule Adjustments

- A meeting of the Task Force is being added for May 10 at the regular time (1:00 p.m.).
- Co-chairs announced that the Task Force will be hearing from speakers in the coming weeks on two issues. The first is the perspective of housing development and investment, explaining the decisionmaking process and considerations involved in budgeting a development project. The second is a speaker on issues of household level financial concerns and the difficulties of finding and maintaining affordable places to live in the current market and the household-level tradeoffs many are forced into to afford housing.
- There was discussion about hearing additional perspectives and the relative merits of having Task Force members speak or outside speakers.

5. Summary of Public Comments

- CURA provided a summary of the public comments, both verbal and written. There were comments from a total of 133 people. The comments were placed in the context of the six

policy design areas that the Task Force had covered in previous weeks. The presentation summarized the information that had been sent to Task Force members earlier.

6. Breakout room & Report Back

- Taskforce members broke into six groups to discuss the feedback.
- Key points included the most appropriate way to use the data (numerical vs. qualitative) and notice of the imbalance in comments in favor of the ordinance and the potential reasons for that.

7. Week 7 Polling Questions

- CURA gave a summary of the responses from the Task Force members to the polling done on April 5.
- 39 out of 41 taskforce members provided responses to at least some of the items. Some members skipped some questions, so individual question responses ranged.
- Responses provided areas of agreement and disagreement. This provided some information regarding where the taskforce might make considerations that could have broad consensus.
- A document containing the polling results will be sent to Task Force members after the meeting and uploaded to both the City's website and the Task Force's shared drive.

8. Breakout room & Report Back

- Taskforce members broke into six groups to discuss the feedback.
- Each of the six groups reported their discussions back to the full group.

9. Adjournment

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