

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the
Rent Review Advisory Committee
Monday, January 12, 2017**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m.

Present were: Chair Sullivan-Sariñana; and Members Friedman, and Schrader.

Absent: Member Vice-Chair Landess, Member Griffiths

Vacancy: None

RRAC Staff: Claudia Young

2. AGENDA CHANGES

- a. Member Friedman proposes canceling the RRAC meeting.

Discussion:

Member Friedman stated that input from three of the Committee members is less valuable than input from four or five of the members.

Member Schrader stated that if the purpose of the meeting is to provide Committee input, the entire Committee should be present to discuss.

Chair Sullivan-Sariñana expressed concern that not all Committee members were present. However, he suggested continuing the meeting in order to meet the deadline of providing input for the City Council to review. He believed that providing some input is better than canceling the meeting and possibly providing no input. He also suggested that the absent members hold a separate meeting to discuss their input. He noted that the three present members represent the tenant, landlord, and homeowner perspectives, which may not happen again with a rescheduled meeting.

Staff clarified that City Council will consider input at the March 7, 2017 meeting and will then give direction to staff. Staff also noted that the Committee meeting would need to be rescheduled before the end of January in order to provide input.

Motion and second to cancel the RRAC meeting and reschedule for a time when a quorum of members can attend (Friedman and Schrader). Motion passes with Members Friedman and Schrader voting yes, Chair Sullivan- Sariñana voting no.

3. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Staff announced that there will be informational workshops explaining the City of Alameda's Rent Stabilization Ordinance no.3148 on January 19th and January 26th. More details can be found online at www.alamedarentprogram.org.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT, NON-AGENDA, NO.1
 - a. Speaker: Maria Dominguez
Speaker commended staff efforts to make forms available online and hoped there would be further automation in the future. She is concerned that tenants and landlords are not asked the same questions by the Committee. She also suggested that there be a way for the public to contact the Committee members with feedback and input.
5. CONSENT CALENDAR
 - a. None.
6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. No unfinished business.
7. NEW BUSINESS

7-A Committee members to discuss Rent Stabilization Ordinance no. 3148 as it relates to the Rent Review Advisory Committee

The meeting was postponed to a later date. Staff will reschedule the meeting.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT, NON-AGENDA, NO. 2.
 - a. No public comment.
9. MATTERS INITIATED
 - a. Member Schrader asked how the public can contact Committee members. Staff stated that the personal contact information of Committee members is not disclosed. However, the public can send feedback to staff who will forward it to the Committee member.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



RRAC Secretary

Claudia Young

Approved by the Rent Review Advisory Committee on February 6, 2017.