

MVCC Renters Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2021

1. Call to order (2:XX pm)

Tyler, Miles, Robin, Kalani, caller 887, Stacy

2. Announcements

Tyler: NC Election announcement. Election on June 8th with drop box for mail-in ballots outside the Mar Vista Library.

Kalani: Unnecessary shooting of Daunte Wright and Adam Toledo, both by police. Consider eliminating qualified immunity.

2.1 Co-Chair Introductions

- Tyler Laferriere

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes from previous meeting - March 20th, 2021.

- All materials presented at the meeting are available at the MVCC Renters' page.
- Meeting minutes for the this meeting have been posted both under the meeting date and on today's meeting.

4. Unfinished Business and General Orders

4.1 Discussion concerning LA City 2021 COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

Tyler recapped the ERAP basics

Kalani: Requires a lot of paperwork, tenacity and patience; we need to prepare people in need; possibly get a case manager. If you are in need, take the time, be prepared and patient.

Tyler: Please feel free to contact me at tyler.laferriere@marvista.org (also on marvista.org) if I can help with more questions.

Kalani: I thought I read that you could demonstrate catastrophic loss (line item 2 under the HCIDLA criteria for eligibility).

Tyler: To my understanding that's one of three criteria you have to fulfill in order to qualify for this program.

5. New Business –

5.1 Discussion and possible action concerning LA City Anti-Harassment of Tenants Draft Ordinance (CF 14-0268-S13)

Stacy: Described the bill; it has passed out of the Housing Committee.

Kalani: Separates single family dwellings from multifamily? Case in Long Beach of a tenant refusing to leave in single family dwelling and hiding behind the moratorium.

Stacy: This isn't about the moratorium. There's a CDC, state and City of LA moratorium. There were sales of buildings, but all sales should have come with advice that a tenant is currently in the unit. This ordinance originates out of protections under SB 330 to protect renters in affordable housing (RSO). This anti-harassment makes behavior we have seen in Mar Vista illegal.

Kalani: Does it stipulate grounds on communication.

Tyler (with Stacy's help) covered the ordinance and the revisions.

Kalani: Is part 4 too general?

Stacy: Most frivolous application of part 4 will not be taken up in court.

Miles: If I am trying to organize my neighbors regarding the noise from the Bowlero parking lot, what process should I go through? I have already contacted Councilmember Bonin's office.

Stacy: File a complaint with the Department of City Planning and find out who our local attorney under the City Attorney is. The CD 11 office can help with that.

Kalani: Did you take videos or have a record?

Miles: Yes, we have written records and video recordings.

Robin: No more development clause?

Stacy: Ellis Act has a provision that if local vacancy rate at 5 percent or less, that immediately triggers a moratorium on Ellis Act eviction for creation of condos. The ordinance passed and is now on the books.

Stacy: Something most people aren't talking about is resident desire to downsize and they can't afford to because of the expense of condos and townhomes. We cannot afford to stay in our communities. It can't just be families and wealthy people and the elderly, small and young have to leave.

Tyler drafted a quick ordinance with additions and edits from Stacy and Robin.

Stacy: PLUM chairs have to be artful in how they navigate naming malefactors in the community in the process of informing and mobilizing stakeholders.

Tyler: Any further corrections?

None

Tyler: I entertain the motion to pass this support of the Tenant Anti-Harassment ordinance.

Stacy: So moved.

Kalani: Second.

Motion passes 3-0-0.

6. Public Comment for Items NOT on This Agenda

Stacy: The Bastion development is coming back to PLUM and will present to the Board, which is one third in the City of LA (building by right - three or four stories) and the rest in Culver City. Zanja and Bastion developments will also be going to the Board. Bastion development is proceeding through the Culver City planning department. There is another likely development at Wade and Francis with reduction of trees, density and traffic.

7. Adjourned at 3:55 pm