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Rental Services Commission

Tuesday, December 17, 2019 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Portland Housing Bureau 421 SW 6th Ave., Suite 500 Portland, OR 97204

R&B Operating Procedures

Introducing Topics

- Identify sources for agenda topics
 - Mayor and Council
 - o PHB
 - o RSC
 - RSC can introduce topics at any time by proposing new agenda items to the Executive Committee
 - Items should be proposed in writing, or verbally during a meeting in response to testimony received
- Identify how timelines are established
 - Set by Executive Committee
 - Should consider other timelines and deadlines (including budget)
- Establish regular opportunities for the Commission to source topics
- Follow a process to assess topic ideas
 - Compare to RSC's charter purpose
 - Add advising the Rental Services Office to purpose
 - Send workplan to Mayor and Council Offices for feedback

Meeting Agendas

- Continue to use agenda topic categories (Update, Discussion, Action)
 - Staff will identify the correct category with the Executive Committee

Public Testimony at Meetings

- Set protocol for input at meetings
 - o Create a public testimony statement to use before all testimony, it will include:
 - The role of the RSC.
 - Testimony limitations (RSC is advisory, 3 minutes a person),
 - How to follow up after 3 minutes (submit additional testimony with staff),
 - Process after testimony is received (staff can refer to resources, RSC can propose new topics to workplan by writing a request to the Executive Committee).
 - Ensure testimony sign-up sheet is clearly labeled
 - Testimony should be taken at the end of meetings
 - o Questions should be asked at the end of a person's testimony so the person who testified is able to respond
 - Commissioners can add an agenda topic for consideration because of testimony
 - Staff should try to connect people testifying to resources when possible

Listening Sessions

- Set protocol for input through listening sessions
 - Start sessions with the opportunity to present information
 - o Set public testimony at 3 min a person, can add time if there are questions
- Establish regular listening sessions (twice a year)
 - o Emphasize the importance that RSC commissioners attend listening sessions
 - Encourage commissioners who miss the session to review the recording

RSC Actions

- Identify different products the RSC can create
 - Testimony Summary (in minutes)
 - Discussion Summary (in minutes)
- Establish a process for writing RSC letters
 - o Move away from Support/Do Not Support position letters when not for an ordinance
 - Create a section of the website for RSC letters
- Identify different types of letters the RSC can write
 - Summary Opinion Letter
 - Support/Do Not Support Opinion Letters