## **Rental Services Commission**



Tuesday, March 21, 2023 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Zoom Meeting & 1900 SW 4<sup>th</sup>, Rm 7000 Portland Housing Bureau

## **Meeting Summary**

AGENDA TOPIC	LEAD	SUMMARY	TIME
Call to Order, Roll Call	Justin Barrieault, PHB	<ul> <li>In attendance: Laura Golino De Lovato, Christian Bryant, Allen Hines, Vivian Lyons, Regina Amodeo, Christina Goodman, Amber Cook, Angelita Morillo, Stephanie Phillips Bridges.</li> <li>(Not present: Pippa Arend, Moriah McSherry McGrath, Matthew Moline, Ian Davies)</li> </ul>	2:30 - 2:35
	Housing Bure	eau Topics	
Staff Updates • Bylaws Update • Recruitment for Exec Committee • 2023 Listening Session	Breonne DeDecker, Justin Barrieault, PHB	<ul> <li>Finalized 6 RSC meetings per year, bi-monthly.</li> <li>Change to 2 Executive Terms, 4 years total in a row. Ian Davie and Christian Bryant have been termed out in the RSC Executive role. Will remain in roles until roles are filled.</li> <li>2 co-chair roles and 1 Vice-chair roles are open at this time for the RSC Executive Committee. Please send your request to Justin.Barrieault@portlandoregon.go y if you have interested in serving in one of these positions.</li> <li>RSC Listening Session is scheduled for June 7, 2023, 6-8 pm. Hybrid meeting, please register for attendance and include if you will join online or in-person.</li> </ul>	2:35 – 2:50
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Accessibility Check-In	Laura Golino de Lovato, RSC	<ul> <li>Draft was shared if you need a copy please email Justin Barrieault.</li> <li>Allen Hines good practice to check in on how each one of the commissioners and see if there are</li> </ul>	2:50 – 3:15

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2023 Workplan Development	Laura Golino de Lovato, RSC	workplan. RSC will have four meeting 3:15 –
		<ul> <li>to adopt the six into the workplan.</li> <li>Laura Golino De Lovato shared a spreadsheet she created with votes and ranking, putting them into an order of urgency by how many votes each topic received. Suggested using this to start with the most urgent issue by how many votes.</li> <li>Vivian Lyons, Regarding the rental registry what is this topic entail?</li> <li>Laura Golino De Lovato, someone suggested that we take a look at the rental registry process.</li> <li>Breonne DeDecker, there was not a lot of in-depth conversation on each topic. But rather creating a list of topics.</li> <li>Allen Hines, he was the one advocating for it initially the Rental Registry. The State doesn't have one currently. But, they have very basic data there was an inquiry by the Mayor's office to expand the registry and collect more data.</li> <li>Amber Cook, remembers the vote being split and there was a need to discuss which topic would be first. Between Rent Cap and Rent Assistance.</li> <li>Laura Golino De Lovato, December's meeting RSC did vote by urgency and agreed to go forward with the</li> </ul>
		six topics, questions was Long-term

Rent assistance and Rent Cap both
got 5 votes in order of urgency. To
break the tie, could we look at the
total votes in each column to break
the tie.
<ul> <li>Angelita Morillo, suggested we</li> </ul>
should prioritize what the City has
more direct oversight over as some
will fall under State law. Coupling
some of the topics together may be
the best option. Suggested drafting
a letter to Commissioner Rubio with
both of the topics Rental Assistance
and Rent Cap and taking the other
topics on one and a time during the
next four meetings.
Justin Barrieault, the 14.6% is a State
Law no local program to change this
or add additional reductions. HB-113
Rent Regulations will remain at the
State level and cannot change the
State law.
<ul> <li>Vivian Lyons, there are other points</li> </ul>
that can be brought up to de-
incentivize landlords to not raise the
rent to the maximum 14.6% State
allowed. Suggested to recommend
solutions to City Council that are
more advantageous to landlords.
Laura Golino De Lovato, suggested
to adjust the agenda to hear the
14.6% presentation before voting.
<ul> <li>Discussion of which topics of the</li> </ul>
workplan will be discussed during
the remaining meetings of the 2023
<ul><li>year.</li><li>Suggestion for upcoming RSC</li></ul>
meeting in May is to discuss Long-
term rent assistance, and/or 14.6%
Rent Increase or to pair them
together.
Discussion on a general plan to pair
them together for the upcoming
meeting in May 2023.

Discussion of Public Testimony or Presentations 1. 14.6% Rent Increase	Justin Barrieault, PHB	<ul> <li>SB-608 Protecting Renters presentation. Provides basic protections against no cause evictions and extreme rent increases.</li> <li>Angelita Morillo, suggested to push for the more expansive bill SB-611.</li> <li>Breonne DeDecker, you can recommend to City Council, but you cannot lobby the State. Suggested to tell City Commissioner.</li> <li>Discussion to incentivize good behavior for Landlords and to brainstorm ideas and obtain more information to develop a Rental Registry.</li> <li>Kristina Goodman, suggested revisiting the dollar amounts for Relocation Assistance.</li> </ul>	3:55 – 4:15
<ul> <li>Voting <ol> <li>Accessibility Check-In</li> <li>Extension of RSC</li> <li>Meetings (Proposal: Extend Meeting Times to 2:00pm – 5:00pm)</li> <li>2023 Workplan</li> <li>Approval</li> <li>Work products to Cm</li> <li>Rubio (Proposal: Send 2021/2022 RSC Work)</li> </ol> </li> <li>Products to Cm Rubio)</li> </ul>	Justin Barrieault, PHB	<ul> <li>Vote: Motion to accept the Accessibility Check in-</li> <li>1<sup>st</sup> – Laura Golino De Lovato</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> – Kristina Goodman</li> <li>Christian Bryant- yes</li> <li>Allen Hines -yes</li> <li>Matthew Moline – yes</li> <li>Vivian Lyons – yes</li> <li>Regina Amodeo – yes</li> <li>Amber Cook – yes</li> <li>Angelita Murillo – yes</li> <li>Stephanie Phillips Bridges – yes</li> <li>Vote: Extension of the RSC meeting from 2:30 to 5:00 pm, to 2:00 to 5:00 pm</li> <li>1<sup>st</sup> Amber Cook</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> Vivian Lyons</li> <li>Christian Bryant – yes</li> <li>Allen Hines – yes</li> <li>Matthew Moline – yes</li> <li>Regina Amodeo – yes</li> <li>Kristian Bryant – yes</li> <li>Allen Hines – yes</li> <li>Matthew Moline – yes</li> <li>Regina Amodeo – yes</li> <li>Kristian Goodman – yes</li> <li>Amber Cook – yes</li> <li>Angelita Murillo – yes</li> <li>Egina Amodeo – yes</li> <li>Kristina Goodman – yes</li> <li>Amber Cook – yes</li> <li>Angelita Murillo – yes</li> <li>Explana Phillips Bridges – yes</li> <li>Laura Golino De Lovato – yes</li> </ul>	4:00– 4:15

Vivian Lyons – yes
<ul> <li>Vote: Workplan for 2023 will consist of         <ul> <li>5 Topics in order of urgency determined by the body in January 2023;</li> <li>Long-Term Rent Assistance and 14.6% Rent Increase as one topic.</li> <li>Anti-Harassment</li> <li>Enforcement mechanism within the RSO</li> <li>Eviction legal Defense Program</li> <li>Rental Registry</li> </ul> </li> <li>1st Laura Golino De Lovato 2<sup>nd</sup> Regina Amodeo</li> <li>Laura Golino De Lovato – yes Christian Bryant – yes Allen Hines – yes Matthew Moline – yes Vivian Lyons – yes Regina Amodeo – yes Kristina Goodman – yes Amber Cook - yes</li> <li>Amoder Oce - yes</li> <li>Kristina Goudman – yes</li> <li>Mather Phillips Bridges – yes</li> <li>Vote: 2022 Work Product approval documents. documents include the Anti-Harassment Letter, COVID</li> </ul>
Rental Policy, Rent Assistance Policy letter, and add Mandatory Relocation.
1 <sup>st</sup> Laura Golino De Lovato 2 <sup>nd</sup> Amber Cook
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Stephanie Phillips Bridges – yes

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		<ul> <li>Vote: To send documents to City Council.</li> <li>1<sup>st</sup> – Laura Golino De Lovato</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> – Allen Hines</li> </ul>	
		Laura Golino De Lovato – yes	
		Christian Bryant – yes	
		Allen Hines – yes	
		Matthew Moline – yes	
		Vivian Lyons – yes	
		Regina Amodeo – yes	
		Kristina Goodman – yes	
		Amber Cook - yes	
		Angelita Murillo – yes	
		Stephanie Phillips Bridges – yes	
Public Testimony	Breonne DeDecker, PHB	Lisa Pieffer, having issues with	4:15 –
-		property management Quantum	5:00
		Properties. Testified to being	
		harassed and unsure of what to do	
		about it. Suggested contacting	
		Landlord mediation services and	
		other community partners. Believes	
		actions taken are directly related to	
		her defending herself as a tenant.	
		Barbara Geyer, shared she believes	
		the Anti-harassment Ordinance is	
		incomplete. Stated many people of	
		color aren't doing anything wrong in	
		their dwelling units, and the tenant	
		becomes demoralized and injured	
		and they end up moving and eventually they will not be able to	
		continue to move. Would love to see	
		the Anti-Harassment expanded and	
		coordinated with HUD.	
		Lisa Pieffer, follow-up, asked the	
		RSC to follow up on the Anti-	
		harassment and would be an	
		advocate for it.	
		• Vivian Lyons, shared with Barbara	
		Geyer that she can submit a written	
		public testimony if she would like	
		too.	
		Barbara Geyer, follow up. Shared she	
	1	is on the FHAC as a member and has	

		<ul> <li>been an owner of properties in California and Oregon for a long while since the 1970's.</li> <li>Sherry Kopp, Sr. Property Manager and Housing assistant participant. She manages properties and assists with the Homeless Crisis. Explained some of the issues and complications with tenants being able to understand rules, regulations and support they need with renting in Portland.</li> <li>RSC, response to Sherry's testimony residents receiving housing by assistance from community partners but unable to keep housing without on-going support to maintain monthly rental payments.</li> </ul>	
Discussion on the combined Long- Term Rent Assistance and 14.6% Rent Increase as one topic with recommendations to the City Council.	Laura Golino De Lovato	<ul> <li>RSC discussion on recommendations to City Council, also what to present.</li> <li>Request to RSO staff to research other Cities that have attempted to incentivize landlords in other ways. Staff agreed to do research and get data to the RSC as it comes available.</li> <li>Discussion on current short- and long-term Rent Assistance programs available. Laura Golino De Lovato volunteered to put together a matrix of community partners and funding available, and how the City of Portland can supplement and help.</li> </ul>	
		Meeting Adjourned 5:00 pm	

Materials for all meetings will be posted on the Housing Bureau's website: <u>https://www.portlandoregon.gov/phb/RSC</u>

Upcoming Public Meetings: RSC Executive Committee Meeting, Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 2-3 pm