

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Rent Review Advisory Committee
Monday, September 9, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Chair Sullivan-Cheah; Vice Chair Chiu and Member Sidelnikov

Absent: Member Murray

Program Staff: Gregory Kats, Grant Eshoo, and Angel Nguyen

City Attorney Staff: Absent

2. AGENDA CHANGES

Staff informed the Committee that Agenda Item 7-B had resolved.

3. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Program Staff informed the Committee that this was the last meeting and extended gratitude to the Committee for being so accommodating with all of the recent changes the last few months.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT, NON-AGENDA ITEMS, NO.1

Toni Grimm from Alameda Renters Coalition (ARC) expressed heartfelt thanks to the RRAC for serving the community as volunteers throughout the years. She also acknowledged the Rent Program Staff for their dedication in being equitable and professional in serving tenants and landlords. She shared that during the "No Cause" eviction policy, many tenants were intimidated to attend a RRAC meeting, because they were concerned about retaliation and being evicted.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

5-A. and 5-B. Approval of the minutes of the August 7, 2019 and August 14, 2019 special meetings.

Motion and second to approve the minutes (Chair Sullivan-Cheah and Vice Chair Chiu).
Motion passed 3-0.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7-A. RI1307 – 1333 Webster St., Unit A102

The property owner and property manager were present, but the tenants were not present.

Program Staff informed the Committee that the tenants did not give a clear answer about the resolution of the matter, but indicated that they would not attend the meeting.

Chair Sullivan-Cheah announced that the landlord's request will move forward since the tenants were not present.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT, NON-AGENDA ITEMS, NO.2

Eric Strimling from ARC expressed gratitude to the Committee. He said he'd seen how the RRAC had evolved and progressed in ways that he appreciated over time. In addition, he commented, the RRAC over the last six months had been very fair. He also recognized the Program Staff for their efforts and agreed with Ms. Grimm's comments.

9. MATTERS INITIATED

As a resident of Alameda, Chair Sullivan-Cheah expressed his appreciation for the Program Staff's dedication and hard work.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

RRAC Secretary
Angel Nguyen

Approved by the Rent Review Advisory Committee on October 21, 2019