

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Rent Review Advisory Committee
Monday, June 6, 2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Present were: Acting Chair Sullivan-Sarinana; and Members Griffiths, Landess, and Schrader.

Absent: None

Vacancy: One

RRAC staff: Jennifer Kauffman

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the May 2, 2016 Regular Meeting. Approved by unanimous consent.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (None)

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. RRAC Case Summary (for information only)
- b. Case 378 - 2445 Shoreline Drive #219. This item was resolved and withdrawn prior to the meeting.
- c. Case 380 - 2445 Shoreline Drive #318
Tenant/public speaker: Bengt Mattson
Landlord/public speaker: Spencer Tam

Staff recapped the materials submitted by the landlord and the tenant that were included in the agenda packet. The tenant was disputing the \$150 per month increase (\$1,550 to \$1,700) for the 12-month option. Based on the tenant's ten-year tenancy with regular rent increases, the tenant stated that \$80 per month would be the maximum reasonable increase. The landlord stated that the complex had undergone an extensive \$3 million, four-year construction effort and that \$1,700 should be the lowest rent for an existing tenant. Following general discussion in the attempt to achieve a compromise, the tenant and landlord agreed upon a \$100 per month increase. Motion and second (Landess/Schrader) and unanimous to support this agreement.
- d. Case 382 - 2119 Central Avenue Apt. B. The landlord canceled the rent increase and this item was withdrawn prior to the meeting.
- e. Case 383 - 1305 Webster Street #C-209. This item was resolved and withdrawn prior to the meeting.

f. Case 384 - 1254 Pearl Street. This item was resolved and withdrawn prior to the meeting.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (none)

Angie Watson-Hajjem of ECHO Housing spoke about ECHO' s fair housing and tenant/landlord mediation services.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Staff reported that at the June 7 City Council meeting, the City Council was scheduled to consider the Mayor's nominations for appointments to several boards and commissions, including the vacant homeowner seat on the Rent Review Advisory Committee. Staff will keep the RRAC informed of these developments.

7. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS (none)

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Kauffman
RRAC Secretary

Approved by the Rent Review Advisory Committee on July 6, 2016.