

**SEATTLE RENTERS' COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

6/7/2023

6:30-8:00PM

WebEx and Bertha Knight Landes

**Commissioners Present:** Dan Godfrey, Julissa Sanchez, Kate Rubin, Sendia Registin, Lydia Felty

**Commissioners Absent:** Atif Osmani, Arianna Laureano, Char Smith, Kim McGillivray

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**Commission Staff:** Zach Frimmel, Department of Neighborhoods

**Guests:** Patricia Scott, Dr. Howard J. Gale

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*(Transcriber's Note: Seattle Renters' Commission meeting minutes are not an exact transcript and represent key points and the basis of discussion. The recording of the minutes is available upon request.)*

**Welcome**

**6:30 – 6:40 PM**

- Land Acknowledgement
- Labor Acknowledgement

**New Commissioner updates and introductions**

**6:40 – 7:00 PM**

- Kate Ruben is a Beacon Hill resident, Organizing Director & Co-Executive Director of Be:Seattle, runs monthly rental council with SME knowledge in rental experience in Seattle.
- Julissa Sanchez grew up in Central District and White Center, Director of Advocacy at Choose180, works with Seattle Latinx & Indigenous communities. Wealth of experience with policy planning, youth program advocacy.

**Public Comment (see reverse for process)**

**7:00 – 7:10 PM**

- Public Comment: Follow up from the SDCI presentation.

**New business, old business**

**7:15 – 8:00 PM**

Question to commissioners: does this SDCI issue of creating an Office for Tenant Standards change the landscape of our focus?

- More of an AND situation with SDCI issues rather than an OR situation, SRC working together to pivot their focus metrics.
- TRAO – SRC members engaged in an ongoing discussion and will analyze the data provided from SDCI presentation.
- Are looking to propose a new renters entity office that would have more advocacy power for Tenants' Rights and Renter protections.
  - o Office that is unfettered by a conflict of interest.
  - o Developing a compensated work group, SRC raising the funds in 2023 for the upcoming year.
- Looking to approach this idea through a work group as it will be easier to be a drop in the bucket of the City's Budget.

- Mission to pull enforcement of citations out of SDCI & SOCR due to tenant retaliation based off renters' rights. Departments have limited staff capacity to assist with tenants' justice.
- SRC outreach methods are in the planning stages, including language access to providing public comments, advocacy support and social media engagement.

**Adjourn**

**8:00 PM**