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SRO HOTEL HEALTH & SAFETY TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MINUTES – March 17, 2011 101 Grove, Room 302

Chair: Rosemary Bosque (DBI)

Members Present: Bruce Burge (SRO Operator); Angela Chu (Chinatown SRO Collaborative); Seth Katzman (Conrad House); Johnson Ojo (DPH-BEHS); Sam Patel (Independent Hotel Owners & Operators); Charles Siron (HIV Health Svcs Planning Council); Alex Tse (City Attorney's Office); Scott Walton (HAS-Housing & Homeless Programs); Erich Whitney (DPH); Mattias Mormino (SRO Families United Collaborative); Jorge Portillo (Mission SRO Collaborative) arrived at 9:20AM.

Absent: Excused – Jeff Buckley (Central City Collaborative)

Guests: Tomas Picarello (SRO Tenant); Charles Pitts (SRO Tenant); Joshua Vining (Mission SRO Collaborative); Mario Oblena (DPH); Elisa Gasca (Chinatown Community Development Center); Officer Mari Shepherd (Tenderloin Police Station) SFPD.

Minutes: Bernedette Perez (DBI-HIS)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Rosemary Bosque at 9:06 am.

2. Roll call/Determination of Quorum

Rosemary Bosque asked people to introduce themselves. There was a quorum present.

3. Approval of Minutes of February 17, 2011 (Action)

Alex Tse made a motion to approve the February 17, 2011 draft minutes as the Task Force final minutes.

4. Administrative Announcements (Discussion)

Rosemary Bosque introduced Bernedette Perez of the Department of Building Inspection (DBI) as new administrative staff to the Task Force, and guest speaker, Delene Wolf, Executive Director of the Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Board.

Rosemary Bosque indicated that Task Force member Jorge Portillo gave her notice that he will be late to the meeting.

Rosemary Bosque gave the membership attendance report for the Task Force's last three (3) monthly meetings. The tally was: for January all members were present, in February three (3) members had excused absences and one (1) member has an unexcused absence, and in March there was one (1) member excused absence.

Rosemary Bosque listed the handouts made available for this meeting (which were passed out) included: (1) Draft Minutes of the February 17, 2011, (2) an Excerpt of the San Francisco Police Code pertaining to the Uniform Hotel Visitors Policy (Section 919.1), (3) the current Uniform Hotel Visitors Policy, (4) Draft SRO Task Force By-laws, (5) Resolution 582-10, and (6) Two emails from Rosemary Bosque to Linda Wong (Clerk of the Board of Supervisor's Rules Committee regarding the filling of two current Task Force vacancies.

Scott Walton informed the Task Force regarding the Human Services Agency's (HSA) Budget proposals that have been submitted to the Mayor's Office. He also indicated that HAS would be soliciting input from the public through community forums. Scott indicated he would keep the Task Force informed about these events.

5. Presentation by Delene Wolf, Executive Director of the Rent Board, regarding the Uniform Hotel Visitor Policy (Discussion & Possible Action)

Delene Wolf suggested that the next item on the agenda be taken while until the representative from the Police Department arrived.

The Task Force then took up Agenda Item # 6.

6. Update of SRO Task Force By- Laws –Discussion

Rosemary Bosque explained the proposed changes in the Draft SRO Task Force By-Laws with recommended deletions indicated by a line through the language and proposed additions indicated by underline. She stated that the proposed changes would bring the By Laws into consistency with the membership changes made by the Board of Supervisors through adopted Resolution No. 582-10.

Rosemary indicated that the only item that needed further review was the San Francisco Charter section reference in Article IV Section 1 (which had appeared to have changed). She also stated that at the last monthly Task Force meeting public comment testimony asked the Task Force to consider increasing the duration of the monthly meeting by 30 minutes to two (2) hours. Rosemary asked the Task Force membership to consider these changes, informing the Task Force that they had to receive the proposed changes ten (10) days prior to acting on the revised By Laws so that such action could not occur until the next Task Force meeting where the item was on the agenda.

Scott Walton recommended that in Article III Section 2 (on page 3) the reference to SRO website should be changed to SRO Task Force website.

Seth Katzman indicated that the next proposed amendment was on Page 4, Article IV Section 1. Seth Katzman and Scott Walton indicated that Roberts Rules sets guidelines for abstaining from voting on an item when you are not present to hear the agenda item discussion.

Public Comment

Charles Pitts asked why the website reference in the By Laws being changed. Rosemary Bosque clarified the record by indicating that website will eventually be hosted by the Department of Building Inspection (DBI) instead of the Department of Public Health (DPH).

5. Presentation by Delene Wolf, Executive Director of the Rent Board, regarding the Uniform Hotel Visitor Policy (Discussion & Possible Action)

Rosemary Bosque then moved back to Item #5, because the San Francisco Police Officer has arrived.

San Francisco Police Officer Mari Shepherd introduced herself as being from the Tenderloin Police Station. She has been with the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) for 3 years.

Rosemary Bosque welcomed and thanked Officer Shepherd for attending the SRO Task Force meeting to address the residential hotel Uniform Hotel Visitor Policy. Delane Wolf was reintroduced to give her presentation.

Delene Wolf indicated that the Rent Board's ability to implement the Uniform Hotel Visitor Policy is very limited. She further explained the Administrative Code currently requires that the Rent Board conduct an annual hearing to review the Uniform Hotel Visitor Policy and adopt amendments as appropriate based on input from stakeholders, etc. She indicated that perhaps the annual review provision be amended to require review on an as needed basis.

Delene Wolf explained that the current Uniform Visitor Policy was last amended March 30, 2010 and has been translated into seven (7) different languages; English, Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Hindi, and Gujarati all of which are available at the Rent Board's website. Delene further observed that not all hotel owners and operators that are required to post the Uniform Visitor Policy have done so., and when a Visitor Policy is posted, many are not the current version. She indicated that perhaps it was time for another mass mailing to the hotels that are required to comply and asked Rosemary Bosque if she could get an updated mailing list of the pertinent residential hotels. Rosemary indicated that DBI would update the list and furnish the Rent Board with this information.

Regarding the enforcement of the Uniform Visitor Policy, Delene indicated that the Rent Board's authority was limited to addressing wrongful evictions, reduction in service petitions, and raising or lowering of rent. This discussion then addressed whether a hotel occupant should call the Rent Board or the Police Department when Uniform Visitor Policy violations are observed.

Rosemary Bosque asked Officer Shepherd if the Tenderlion Police station typically received calls for service regarding the Uniform Visitor Policy. Officer Shepherd indicated that she has not aware of calls for service related to violations of the Uniform Visitor Policy.

Seth Katzman asked Officer Shepherd if SFPD received a Uniform Visitor Policy complaint would they go to the hotel to investigate, and how long would the tenant have to wait for a SFPD response? Would SFPD impose an infraction for violations observed?

Officer Shepherd stated that depending on the nature and volume of calls for service elsewhere, there could be times that tenants would have to wait for a police response. Typically that would not be the case. Upon arrival at the hotel Officer Shepherd indicated that SFPD would speak with the tenant complainant and desk clerk to find out the particulars regarding alleged Uniform Visitor Policy violations.

Alex Tse asked for more information from the SRO Collaboratives to determine the current nature of the Uniform Visitor Policy violations that they were observing or having constituents report about.

Jorge Portillo commented on how tenants can call police but sometimes the tenants have a certain fear in doing so. He asked Officer Shepherd if SFPD would ask for ID and do a background check of the complainant or visitor.

Officer Shepherd indicated that a background check would not typically be necessary or performed if there was no apparent safety issue at the hotel. She stated that the SFPD goal would be to speak to the tenants and friends to get both sides of the story. If misinformation was presented the Police will need to resolve the issue. She further stated that SFPD would cite for Uniform Visitor Policy violations if the items were not corrected as instructed.

Scott Walton stated that he appreciated that the police would talk with all parties concerned to get a complete understanding of the situation.

Alex Tse indicated that he still did not understand from the SRO Collaboratives what the problem was with the Uniform Visitors Policy. He explained that this should be determined before the Task Force requested the Rent Board to expend further resources. He inquired as to the frequency and severity of the problem, and whether the Collaboratives have kept records of problematic cases or buildings.

Seth Katzman asked how much the visitors were being charged. He addressed this question to the SRO Collaboratives.

Jorge Portillo explained that one of the Uniform Visitor Policy problems is hotel visitors are being charged a fee and that they must have valid ID's unless they want to see a family member, and that some visitors make arrangements with hotel operators to go into hotels more than eight (8) times a month. He indicated that typically day time visits are \$5.00, and night time visits are \$10.00. He further explained that it could be some time before the Collaboratives were able to return back to a hotel with apparent Uniform Visitor Policy issues given their other outreach responsibilities in other hotels.

Johnson Ojo stated that before a City agency or the Task Force can respond and expend resources, specific information regarding the nature of the Uniform Visitor Policy complaints or information identifying specific noncompliant hotels would be necessary.

Bruce Burge asked Jorge Portillo if he spoke to the hotel operator at a hotel that did not have the proper Uniform Visitor Policy posted. Jorge Portillo indicated that he did speak and educate the hotel operator regarding the Uniform Visitor Policy requirements and existing violations.

Josh Vining wanted to clarify information regarding the visitor fees. The general rule is \$5.00 during the day and \$10.00 at night. Hotel tenants generally know this is required. Josh indicated that some Uniform Visitor Policy issues he has observed included the posting of out of date Policies and posted hotel house rules which contradict the current Uniform Visitor Policy requirements.

Mattias Mormino commented that appropriate violations should be brought to the attention of the Rent Boards and the Police. He asked whether SRO Task Force members could assist with the distribution of updated Uniform Visitor Policies.

Ms. Bosque asks if the Task Force would be interested in giving a list hotels that have violated the Policy to the Tenderloin, Police Station so SFPD would have the information for enforcement purposes.

Delene Wolf indicated that she thought it was time to do another mass mailing.

Angela Chu stated to Officer Shepherd that she felt officers should understand the Uniform Visitor Policy, in order to inform hotel operators of the requirements and to enforce Policy.

Bruce Burge asked Delene Wolf if there had been any recent amendments to the Uniform Visitor Policy (since March 30, 2010). Delene indicated that there has not been subsequent amendments and that the 11 x 17 posting is standard.

Ms. Bosque thanked Delene Wolf and Officer Shepherd for attending the Task Force meeting and briefing the members and public in attendance.

Public Comment

Thomas Picarillo if people want to be treated like adults they should act responsibly. He asked if paragraph 7 of the Uniform Visitor Policy only pertained to SRO Owners and Operators. Thomas Picarillo stated that tenants also should be able to file petitions regarding the issues with the Uniform Visitor Policy. He further stated that hotels should have the responsibility of enforcing the Policy.

Charles Pitts agreed with Thomas Picarillo. Charles Pitts stated that he would like to see this item put on the Agenda for the next SRO Task Force monthly meeting.

7. Bedbug Eradication-Task Force Recommendations-Next Steps-Discussion & Possible Action

Johnson Ojo reported on discussions he has had recently with the UC Berkeley Urban Pest Management Center, and their Researcher, Gail Getty (who is working on a grant in the area of bed bug research). Heat treatments are being looked into as a less invasive alternative for compromised individuals such as the disabled, elderly, and children. Johnson Ojo indicated that he is working with the pest control industry to

see if heat treatment costs could be lowered. He indicated that he has also contacted manufacturers who do not appear to have services for this issue. He stated that he is focusing on the pest control operators to gain an understanding of how many are currently using heat treatment devices, what are the impacts of returning treated personal property back to the tenants, and what abatement success has been achieved.

Johnson Ojo stated that the Department of Public Health Bed Bug brochures continue to be distributed. He also indicated that

many are currently using them, how many are willing to use it. We want to recommend it in the future especially in situations we know now the amount of _____ bedside is going to solve problem. Beauty of it is I've met w/tenants who called when contents are removed. they are returned damaged or lost. With heat treatment contents can remain. Work with dept of _____ involved w/enforcement of pesticide control. Joining together to develop better approach with PCO's(???) to accompany to mtgs. One individual was investigated. Results are very interesting, taking action against company. From last meeting we talked about updating pamphlets as handout to tenants and managers. To develop into more user friendly package, more sturdy, made changes has all info. Did not want to load it too much b/c it loses its meaning. This is typical, going to go on website. Typo on _____, unfortunately it was already printed. (Brochures distributed to attendees.) We do hope to make changes. Advocates wanting to hand out to tenants, I will bring copies for them to hand out. One statement I want to make, I did read document the SRO passed to building inspection commission that was passed last month. I think in reading through it, I have a copy here. Everything talked about this....._____ did not have access to our website. Mission SRO advice is to look at our website, it is all there. If you need hard copies I will be happy to pick them up. This format we do not have in Spanish/Cantonese, we will be working on it hopefully by next month.

Matthias Mormino commented in basic conversations with tenants about what can be improved about the process currently exists regarding reporting bed bugs and dealing with them. It was a laundry list not scientifically developed but the Mission SRO Collaborative felt it was a helpful document.

(Portillo arrived to meeting at 9:55 am)

Ms. Bosque said she would scan it and send it to all Commission members so they will have a copy of recommendations from the Mission SRO Collaborative. She reported that the BIC did have a _____(meeting?) on bedbugs and it was an excellent presentation by Dr. Ojo and she presented as well. She said there is a housing inspector vacancy posted on the DHR website with the qualification of _____ certification which is _____ issue of bedbugs.

Ms. Bosque continued that in recent discussions she was pleased to have an opportunity to look at these issues and possibly creating an amenity in the building to address property migrating from one area of the building to the other. They want to encourage other properties to consider this as well. Moving from place to place doesn't work and she was glad to see them moving in this direction. She asked the Task Force what they wanted to do moving forward.

Angela Chu said in our last meeting with Dr. Ojo and the inspectors they felt that the _____ in SF is a personnel issue. How many people actually deal with the whole situation? Is there any idea of how they could have enough people looking, if inspectors can help with tenants/owners dealing with the bed bug issue. Right now a lot of confusion comes when owners try to solve bed bugs. It is a matter of there not being enough inspectors or how they can help in terms of getting bed bugs out of the buildings ASAP. The owners have tried to get people to get rid of them but apparently it didn't work. She wants to see if anyone has better ideas.

Dr. Ojo responded that in terms of staffing there are budgetary constraints. He doesn't see DPH increasing the number of inspectors for housing. If he cannot get another inspector he will see whether or not he can use some of the existing inspectors. He wants to see if Code Enforcement can respond. They are responding to thousands of apartments already but for SROs there are only two inspectors. He will look into that but for now he doesn't see it increasing. In respect to tenants/landlords it is a behavior issue which is becoming very frustrating.

For example, you have bed bugs in a hotel/room. That room is very congested or it is a clean room and has bed bugs. So many personal belongings in them with small room 3-4 people living. One example is in Chinatown. An inspector tries to conduct a thorough inspection, there is possibility of reinfestation, people visiting tenants who have bed bugs, buying materials bringing it back into the hotel. DPH cannot do much about it but put the responsibility on landlords to have more aggressive pest control services. **[Rosemary, can you summarize from here? Don't know what to eliminate/keep in.]** One thing that can be done is if we have total # of rooms w/high percentage of them w/bed bugs have a complete building inspection, can plug bbugs into rating process. Can pull hotels from database and look at what type of violation exists and tell them if they need to do building wide inspection.

Angela Chu noticed that in a building that has bed bugs mattresses will be put on the rooftop infested w/bedbugs and they spread to the whole building. One difficulty is disposal of bed bug infested mattresses. How can they assist people with mattresses? That's a problem that can be dealt with in terms of ..._____ It is less likely for bed bugs to spread.

Dr. Ojo offered to report it to DPH right away. DPH can mandate building owner to have it treated/removed. In guidelines they are there: treat infested mattresses before discarding. Owners know that but it has not been done. We may have to call the owner to sit down and talk to them and impress upon them what needs to be done. They've had workshops but not all come. They just mailed out letters to building owners. They need to address building owners in terms of what to do with bed bugs.

Ms. Bosque stated bed bugs have been talked at length. **[Rosemary, please edit the remaining of this paragraph.]** We can have this discussion but as Chair I'm going to recommend to Board of Supes policy, etc. These are things we need to think about but I don't want to see mtg to mtg discussions w/out policy recommendations to the Board of Supes. We're to develop consensus.

Jeff Buckley asked why the Subcommittee meeting did not happen. He thinks it important to meet as a Subcommittee next month and he doesn't think the current system is working. Residents don't think the system is adequate for private residents and those living in nonprofit hotels. He feels like the public consistently asks them to take action and we haven't done so. He insists that they have to take action.

Ms. Bosque offered clarification that the meeting was not a subcommittee meeting. It was a working group that Scott Walton put together. If they are going to put together a subcommittee it will need to be done properly.

Jeff Buckley stated in terms of action item the Central City SRO has had meetings ripping through DPH guidelines to see if there are any improvements. He pledges, when they are ready and have consensus to bring recommendations to the meeting to move things forward. Supervisor Kim and the legislation she is putting forth should come through here at some point in the future when it is ready. This has to be made a body that has a say on whether or not these are recommendations we pass on to the Board.

Ms. Bosque recognized Sam Patel, asking him if he had something to add.

Sam Patel said he thought they should put together a subcommittee.

Public Comment

Thomas Picarillo agreed to tell Dr. Ojo this morning. He treated his room three (3) weeks ago and woke with bed bugs prior to coming to the meeting. He asked Dr. Ojo to investigate protocols in pest companies. Secondly, he read guidelines for SRO managers and reporting 48 hours is far too long to report bed bugs. Managers should respond faster than 48 hours, say six hours. **[Rosemary, do you know what he's referring to here?] Costs City money to fail to do study. Penalties for public nuisances, use fund for housing inspectors for SROs.** There are more inspectors for dog kennels, restaurants than for SRO's. DPH should not be the principal agency to deal with eradication of bed bugs.

Ms. Bosque mentioned setting up a committee. For discussion do you want to develop recommendations to make a quarterly report to the Board and that it benefits those who attend meetings.

Mr. Patel commented that we should form the committee and that there are a lot of things we have to look into and to make sure we have all of our information dotted.

Ms. Bosque made a motion to form a Committee. Mr. Patel agreed to make a motion to set up a sub-committee regarding bedbugs. Bruce Burge second.

Rosemary Bosque asked if there was anyone willing to serve on the Sub-committee: Sam Patel, Bruce Burge and Jorge Portillo & Rosemary Bosque agreed to serve.

Motion: Carried

6. Families in SROs Survey [Rosemary: I don't know what's appropriate/inappropriate to leave in/take out. Can you summarize this?]

Matthias Mormino brought stats of surveys on families who live in SROs. It is a subset of a larger of study conducted with families living in various homeless situations. There was a lot of feedback including Scott Walton. Looking at recommendations, how many apps for affordable housing were submitted. Not being social scientists it was valid? "Okay what kind of affordable housing apps do these people apply for..." etc. Affordable housing built at slow rate. Compiling data on what kind of afford apps have been submitted. Ordinance passed by Daly years ago, vacant property City has currently, sense of that being where our sights where feasible, don't know if economically viable, budget feasible to build afford housing or rehab existing buildings into family affordable housing. All have heard strong statements about how many units of affordable housing were built. The reality we want to focus on is very minimal amount were afford housing, limited 2-3 bedroom apts, they do pop up once in awhile. Families eager to occupy. Mercy housing is 92 units, 1-2 br, 2,500 apps for affordable. That is the kind of need we're looking at. We are finalizing report that's coming out at the end of the month, will discuss families living under what SF code calls homelessness, SRO, shelters, etc. What are challenges, ideas solutions to solve crisis. \$300M to general fund, what is it out there we can do with vacant properties. We worked with DBI on the ordinance on blighted and abandoned buildings so we could track buildings that have been abandoned and empty for a long time. We have very different ideas and different ideas about eminent domain but what is it we can do b/c there is a lack of affordable housing in San Francisco. In the past, previous report done from SRO collab & other organizations led to programs HSSA is offering and offering up to \$500 to families to move into market rate housing from SRO's. What is next step to make affordable housing accessible. Not forgetting other things coming up like food access, working with other community members and collabs w/senior advocates with aging in SRO's living in SROs, and how food access impacts families. Will be able to bring our recommendations not next month but the following month to hear feedback from you. You saw raw data and now will see recommendations coming to the TF w/good ideas that came last September.

Ms. Bosque stated that the Task Force will be migrated to DBI in the next three to six months along with information for public to access.

Jeff Buckley indicated the affordable housing site at Taylor & Eddy Street was _____, approved by planning getting funds to develop property. One site has been hit by economic downtown turn but hopefully in the next two years the site will be developed for families and housing units set aside.

Matthias Mormino commented that the Hugo Hotel (the building with furniture) is also in the planning stages to be developed as affordable housing.

Dr. Ojo asked if it was a designated landmark.

Matthias Mormino responded they tried.

Dr. Ojo asked for a current list of SRO's.

Matthias Mormino responded there was a list compiled six (6) months ago and he would sent it to him, unless that is in violation of the Sunshine Ordinance. He though Ms. Bosque would like to see it as well.

Ms. Bosque agreed and indicated she would make it available for to other members and see if it can be put on the website. She would have hard copies at the next meeting. If there was no other discussion she would move to final comment.

Public Comment:

Thomas Picarillo stated that a presentation by a member of the Task Force should be in writing of what is being discussed and what the recommendations are, **[second families do not belong in SRO's.]** It is a good idea for the Task Force to recommend to whomever is creating affordable housing that families as well as seniors and disabled move up the ladder in terms of accessing affordable housing. He couldn't emphasize strongly enough that families do not belong in SROs. Families, seniors and disabled will have to be prioritized.

Charles Pitts agreed with Thomas Picarillo's point as very valid. He asked if we should write a letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding policy and procedure changes to buy vacant properties. Properties are Key turn rate, landlords decided to keep vacant for whatever reason. That's something I would recommend.

8. Reports from the SRO Collaboratives

[Rosemary, I don't know if this (Jeff Buckley) is in the right place. Otherwise I don't have any other discussions in my notes for this agenda item.]

Jeff Buckley reported on the Universal Lifeline Program. The demanded change of PUC Universal Lifeline is a very low cost landline phone service (less than \$8 month) that will be occurring. It will provide local calling to qualified low income residents of California. It was created by the Moore Act in 1980s or 1990s. Providers have been eroding that service for the last 10-15 years. Having quality phone service is crucial to being able to communicate with the outside world. It was a great meeting. Upcoming public hearings will be held at PUC in order to provide recommendations to improvement of the lifeline program. In the next year the Lifeline program will be uncapped and will fluctuate with the market. What can be done in the future is ask the utility forum network to attend, particularly before upcoming hearings. There is one utility consumer advocate on CPUC, Mike Florio(sp?), which is a huge victory for consumers in California. SRO tenants removed the previous CPUC representative.

9. Prioritization of Future Meeting Topics [Rosemary, do you want to take this summarization?]

Ms. Bosque reported out that the revision to by laws to finalize as result of discussions we had in 11/2010 & 12/2010 meetings and consistency with board resolution. It is my intent of TF to put on agenda and send out current bylaws. Several areas of bylaws that need to be changed. Needs to reflect resolution. Will send out current bylaw and resolution, actual file # adopted by board, look at it, and draft changes. I can do that and notice you all for the next meeting. Any discussion? Elaine Wolf would like to come and address next meeting regarding visitor policy. Any others you would like to see on agenda?

Jeff Buckley indicated the Central City SRO Collaborative would like to present. They will definitely come in and ask to present groups with the Task Force members.

Ms. Bosque asked if there were any particular month.

Jeff Buckley's response was the bottom of agenda. They are waiting patiently.

Ms. Bosque and Jeff Buckley agreed on April. Michael Gauze will be in touch to schedule that.

Ms. Bosque asked for additional items to be put on the March agenda. She said Sandy's been waiting patiently to get on a meeting agenda but she didn't know if they will be ready by the March meeting. By Laws will need to be done. What about Elaine Wolf coming? Elaine wants to bring everyone up to date. She wanted a feeling of whether or not you want to have her on March or other meetings.

Jorge Portillo commented on the revision of policy every year, but they have now gone past that date. It would be good to do that sooner rather than later.

Ms. Bosque brought up the issue of putting together a subcommittee for bed bugs and _____ Delane would be a full agenda.

Public Comment

Thomas Picarillo made the comment that he would like to see Supervisor Kim come to the Task Force and would like to hear her ideas how to enact code enforcement.

Charles Pitts added that he thought they needed to schedule bed bugs not next month but somewhere it's not forgotten. He would like to hear solutions. He didn't think he's heard any. He's also looking for a quarterly report from this body to the rules of Board of Supervisors regarding conditions to several other problems. Those are his concerns.

11. Public Comment

Thomas Picarillo was very impressed by this meeting, and the discussions on recommendations on issues important to SRO tenants rather than month after month of having the same disussion. _____ issues quarterly reports to Board of Supervisors. Discussions should end with proposed solutions. The same issues are discussed every month but nothing is done about it. He's requested recommendations be submitted to the Board of Supervisors so they have your expertise. He also asked that when the By Laws are done to extend the meeting an additional 30 minutes.

Charles Pitts commented that he thought the room is too small. If wheelchairs were in attendance they would not get past door. If there are ten (10) public members here there may not be room for person with wheelchairs. The room also has excessive background noise.

12. Adjournment

_____: Motion to adjourn

Eric Whitney seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.