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SRO HOTEL HEALTH & SAFETY TASK FORCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES – January 19, 2012

1650 Mission Street, Room 431

Chair: Rosemary Bosque

Members Present: Bruce Burge (SRO Operator); Angela Chu (Chinatown SRO Collaborative); Seth Katzman (Conard House); Joyce Lam (SRO Families United Collaborative); Victor Nelson (Tenant Representative); Sam Patel (SRO Operator); Charles Siron (Tenant Representative); Alex Tse (City Attorney's Office); Scott Walton (HSA-Housing & Homeless Programs); Eric Whitney (DPH).

Absent: Excused: Dr. Johnson Ojo, Environmental Health (DPH);
Guests: Elisa Gasca (Chinatown SRO Collaborative); Dannette Lambert (Central City SRO Collaborative); Songhui Miller (Health Care for Homeless Veterans); Joseph Ossai, Environmental Health (DPH); Allan Pera (Environmental Health (DPH); Thomas Picarello (SRO Tenant); Charles Pitts (SRO Tenant); Wolfgang Stuwe (DPH); Pratibha Tekkey (Central City SRO Collaborative).

Minutes: Bernedette Perez (DBI-HIS)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Rosemary Bosque at 9:08 AM.

2. Roll call/Determination of Quorum

There was a quorum.

3. Approval of Minutes of December 15, 2011.

Action: Minutes were approved.

Public Comment for Agenda Item #3.

There was no public comment.

4. Administrative Announcements-Discussion

Rosemary Bosque commented that the DBI Budget was heard before the BIC (Building Inspection Commission) for discussion only. There will be a Special Meeting tentatively January 31 or February 2, 2012 at City Hall, Room 416.

Rosemary Bosque stated that Jorge Portillo has resigned from the SRO Task Force. According to the SRO Bylaws' the position will need to be filled with a representative from the Collaboratives. The process will begin with the Board of Supervisors Rules Committee, and the Task Force will be losing Eric Whitney as he takes on a new position.

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Eric Whitney introduced Wolfgang Stuwe who will be his replacement on the Task Force.

Scott Walton announced that HSA is involved with Housing and Homelessness, and their next Commission meeting will be January 26, 2012 at 9:30am, 170 Otis Street, Born Auditorium, and he discussed that the Budget will be reduced dramatically.

Public Comment on Agenda Item #4

There was no public comment.

5. Challenges & Target Issues Related to Bed Bug Infestation.-A Representative of Supervisor Jane Kim's Office to Attend/Join the General Discussion-*Discussion & Possible Action*

Rosemary Bosque commented that we are making progress on the bed bug report, and that she has circulated the updated draft each time a new challenge that the Task Force receives a new draft is developed with the underlining of the additions, and that the Task Force is working with DPH and the City Attorney's office. She asked if it would be helpful for the Task Force and Code Enforcement present a flow chart in order to get into specifics in order for the two main departments to take action and explain how we do complaints and inspections.

Rosemary Bosque mentioned as a regulatory agency DBI starts the process.

Scott Walton commented that it will be useful to have a flow chart, and it would help to get recommendations as a group.

Rosemary Bosque will contact Dr. Ojo to see how DPH handles their flow of complaints, and how do they process their intake, and that the Task Force needs any other suggestions, recommendations and challenges for Code Enforcement process.

Rosemary Bosque introduced Mattias Mormino who was a former Task Force member and now is an Aide to Supervisor Jane Kim.

Mattias Mormino commented that their group has been working with the community, and that the community wants to see a change as to Rules and Regulations perspective without the legislative process. He mentioned that there are SRO Hotels are located in Districts, 3, 6, and 8, 10, and that they are working with the Seniors in these districts.

Mattias Mormino stated that they are working with members from other collaboratives, and representatives from the Pest Control Company and working with independent groups. He also mentioned that this City is facing an epidemic and Dr. Ojo has been present at the meetings.

Public Comment on Agenda Item #5

Thomas Picarello commented that Supervisor Kim needs to narrow the scope of the Ad Hoc committees, and it is time to propose specific legislation to eradicate bed bugs.

Charles Pitts asked where these meetings are being held, and in order for tenants who live in SRO's to get any information these meetings should be announced.

Mattias Mormino said that these meetings are not regularly scheduled, and that he will schedule a meeting.

Seth Katzman commented on the Ad Hoc committee that he has a concern with advocates just as Sam Patel represents a group or any group citizen does not generally need to meet publicly.

Bruce Burge commented that he understands Seth Katzman's position but as taxpayers and City money the meetings should be open.

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Sam Patel commented that the private owners want to try and propose legislation through the Supervisor's office we need to be informed.

Mattias Mormino said that he will reach out to the organizations to get input when legislation is presented and he will get in touch with the SRO owners/managers.

Rosemary Bosque stated that the Task Force will come together as a group and will reach out to the community such as the SRO owners/manager who she encourages to talk with Supervisor's aide.

Mattias Mormino commented that he is happy to talk with the community and speak with Supervisor Jane Kim issues that are important to the community.

Scott Walton appreciated the statement that any constituent in the roles we take whether it be nonprofit/owner/manager the Task Force should give input, and the Task Force should have a discussion in having an open process or uniformity. The Task Force would like to recommend that Supervisor's Kim office keep the SRO Task Force informed of any operational rules of department or legislation.

Rosemary Bosque commented that since DBI is responsible for the CEOP contract (grants) which would bring up a concern for the quality of housing life for all tenants. Ms. Bosque thanked Mattias Mormino for coming to the SRO Task Force meeting.

Additional Public Comment on Agenda Item# 5

Charles Pitts commented that these groups should meet on a regular basis.

Thomas Picarello stated that he understands the Task Force has a draft copy of the report, and that the Task Force is still reviewing it, and that the Task Force should have flow charts from the City Attorney's office and a code enforcement flow chart on how they deal with complaints and enforcement process.

6. Reports from SRO Collaboratives-*Discussion & Possible Action*

Joyce Lam reported that the Chinatown owners are talking with each other on how to manage SRO's and ask help from the Task Force.

Rosemary Bosque commented that we have the resignation of Jeff Buckley, and Jorge Portillo while that is occurring we would like reports from the remaining collaborative.

Scott Walton stated that we should contact the collaboratives to send a representative to represent those collaborative.

Pratibha Tekkey from the Central City Collaborative commented that she will be representing but that they are not officially enrolled, and she gave a report that the Tenants of SOMA, and tenant leader from different workshops will be held on at 1025 Howard Street from 11:00AM-3:00PM.

Public Comment on Agenda Item #6

There was no public comment.

7. Prioritization of Future Meetings Topics- *Possible Action*

Rosemary Bosque commented that based on discussions that she has had hotels have reduced the number of rooms because they fall into those months where they are able to reduce.

Seth Katzman commented that it would be helpful to hear reports from Central City Collaborative, Mission Collaborative and Chinatown collaborative since there are SRO's in these communities regarding musical rooms.

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Rosemary Bosque stated that if these hotels are illegally converting to musical rooms then they are in violation of the HCO, and DBI has been conducting on-going inspections, and this will be added to the Task Force February agenda.

Scott Walton commented that the perspective whether DBI, and the City Attorney's office it would be to helpful to identify these hotels and pursue this issue.

Public Comment on Agenda Item #7

Thomas Picarello queried the illegal conversion of guestrooms as to what extent does the Task Force have in enforcement of habitable issues, and that the Task Force should have a representative come from the Rent Board to speak to the Task Force on jurisdiction.

Rosemary Bosque stated that the Task Force had the Director Delene Wolf come and speak to the Task Force regarding the Uniform Visitor's Policy, and that they Collaboratives can check to see that the 311 Poster, and the Uniform Visitor's Policy is posted when doing their reports.

Charles Pitts commented that he would like to hear a report from the City Attorney's regarding the musical rooms, and uniform visitor's policy to address problems in the SRO's.

8. General Public Comment

Thomas Picarello commented that there are issues that need to be resolved between the owners/operators and the agencies who run them. Also, he stated that the Task Force should expedite the vacancies on the Task Force so that we can have full attendance.

Charles Pitts commented that he was having issues with the Community Partnerships in resolving his habitable issues, and that they are violating the uniform visitors policy by holding their i.d's, and he feels that owners/operators should be responsible.

9. Ajournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:04AM.