



# San Francisco SRO Task Force

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## SRO HOTEL HEALTH & SAFETY TASK FORCE COMMITTEE

**MINUTES –October 18, 2012**

**1650 Mission Street, Room 431**

**Chair:** Scott Walton

**Members Present:** Bruce Burge(SRO Operator); Angela Chu (Chinatown SRO Collaborative); Seth Katzman(Conard House);Joyce Lam (Families in SRO's Collaborative); Victor Nelson(Tenant Representative); Dr. Johnson Ojo, Environmental Health(DPH); Pratibha Tekkey(Central City SRO Collaborative); Joshua Vining(Mission SRO Collaborative);

**Absent: Excused:** Rosemary Bosque(DBI); Yvonne Mere (City Attorney's Office);Sam Patel (SRO Operator);

**Unexcused:** Charles Siron (Tenant Representative);

**Guests:** Nathan Kamps-Hughes; Mattias Mormino

**Minutes:** Bernedette Perez (DBI-HIS)

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Scott Walton at 9:12 AM.

### 2. Roll call/Determination of Quorum

There was a quorum.

### 3. Approval of the July 19, 2012 Meeting Minutes

The review and approval of Meeting Minutes for July 19 with changes.

Wolfgang Stuwe unexcused absence should be changed to Excused absence.

Motion to approve Meeting Minutes for July 19, 2012.

#### **Approval of the August 16, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

The review and approval of Meeting Minutes for August 16, 2012 with changes.

Wolfgang Stuwe unexcused absence should be changed to Excused absence.

Angela Chu's statement should read: Tenants have been injured by boiling water.

On Page 4 statement should read: This has been a problem that has been resolved.

#### **Public Comment on Agenda Item No.3.**

There was no public comment on Agenda Item No 3.

#### **Public Comment for Agenda Item No. 4**

There was no public comment on Agenda Item No. 4

#### **4. Administrative Announcements-Discussion**

Seth Katzman stated that he will be retiring at the end of October, and it has been a pleasure working with everyone.

Scott Walton thanked him for his services.

Joyce Lam stated that she will be no longer on the SRO Task Force, and that she will be joining the Chinese Progressive Association to be an organizer at their Tenant Worker Center. She further commented that it was a pleasure working with everyone, and she would like to see the Task Force keep moving forward.

Scott Walton commented that he will coordinate with Rosemary Bosque regarding the now vacant seats on the SRO Task Force.

Scott Walton commented that today is the anniversary of the 1989 Earthquake, and at 10:18AM we are to Drop, Cover and Hold On, and when an earthquake does occur we should get under the tables and hold on. He further commented that there is a website [72hours.org](http://72hours.org) has some helpful information on how to be prepared in case of a disaster.

#### **5. Final Discussion on SRO Task Force Bed Bug Report and action on Supervisor's Kim Legislation File No. 120815-Discussion & Possible Action**

Scott Walton commented that in the past several months the Task Force has made additional changes to the bed bug report. He further commented that on Page 4 there is additional space for the collaboratives to add their comments, or additional information such as educational efforts, their perspectives on how to abate as well as to prevent issues with bed bugs.

Dr. Ojo commented that DPH's documents are being produced with the new directives, and along with Supervisor's Kim's legislation.

Scott Walton commented that the Task Force focus is on the recommendations, and providing educational materials, which goes beyond DPH and the legislation. He further commented that this has been a work in progress developing at the same time as the legislation.

Dr. Ojo commented that the collaborative should be included as they are part of the process.

Josh Vining said that he would send the collaborative additions/recommendations to Rosemary Bosque.

Scott Walton asked Dr. Ojo should we pass on the present document to simplify and use it as a summary, or remove the recommendations that we have highlighted.

Dr. Ojo suggested that the Task Force should have the final version of Supervisor Kim's legislation, and remove any duplications from the report.

Josh Vining commented that having the recommendations on the Task Force report, and Supervisor Kim's legislation is a positive achievement, and he further said that there should be an effort to educate the community.

Mattias Mormino stated that the Task Force has seen this legislation several times focusing on the changes, and that the report was being viewed at the Land Use committee meeting. He further commented that the ideas and concerns were from tenants, also further stated that they spoke of the responsibilities of the managers/owners, and to be able to review this legislation every two years.

Mattias Mormino suggested that the Task Force should attend the meeting, and support this legislation.

Dr. Ojo stated that he had a concern on Section 621, Item F wherein it states that the first day of each month, DPH-EHS shall collect monthly reports from PCO's which would include the number of units.

Mattias Mormino commented that the committee has had meetings with the PCO's and they will regulate the reports.

Scott Walton stated that he had a question on Section 621, Item D if there would be a disclosure of which property had bed bugs.

Mattias Mormino said that we can mandate this item and we can change if need be.

#### **Public Comment on Agenda Item #5**

Nathan Kamp-Hughes asked if this was subsidized housing or free market in which if there were vacant units available, and if the tenants turn it down because of too many treatments in the room do they go back into the process.

Charles Pitts commented that there is not much recourse if a tenant doesn't pay his rent, and the management sues, and that tenants can become homeless due to the lack of representation. This legislation doesn't address this issue.

Scott Walton made a motion to the Task Force to support Supervisor Kim's legislation.

Seth Katzman moved to endorse Supervisor Kim's legislation with some minor changes.

Victor Nelson seconded.

#### **6. Reports from SRO Collaboratives –Discussion & Possible Action**

Pratibha Tekkey commented that they are hoping to have their Annual Recognition of Tenants, and stated that they will have a program in the morning to recognize them for their work in the community, and they will also have workshops, and public speaking.

Joyce Lam stated that she has been working with the Seniors SRO workgroups along with Supervisor Ed Mar who is working on a proposed legislation regarding phone jacks and grab bars, she recommends that the Task Force having a discussion on the legislation. She further stated that everyone to is welcome to attend the group meeting to be held on October 25, 2012 on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor and to contact the co-sponsors Supervisors Jane Kim, Supervisor David Chu, and Supervisor Christina Olague.

Scott Walton proposed that the Task Force invite Supervisor Mar or a representative to the next Task Force meeting to have a discussion on the proposed legislation.

#### **Public Comment for Agenda Item #6**

Charles Pitts commented that there are owner/property managers who do not want to spend the money on installing electrical wires for phone jacks.

Scott Walton commented that the Task Force will only react to the proposed legislation, and comments should be made to Supervisor Mar's office.

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### **7. Prioritization of Future Meeting Topics-*Discussion & Action***

Scott Walton commented that he will discuss this with Rosemary Bosque to contact Supervisor Mar's office and request a copy of the proposed legislation, and any updated language so that it could be circulated at the next Task Force meeting.

Seth Katzman asked if the Task Force had a discussion on the violence in SRO's.

Scott Walton stated that he had participated with community groups in discussions with the police, and he further commented that the police are responsive to calls.

Seth Katzman wanted to know if the Task Force has authority to call a hearing.

Scott Walton commented that the Task Force has the opportunity to ask for tenant testimony, and further stated that seniors & safety are our biggest components, and that there have been hearings on safety issues.

Seth Katzman stated that grab bars in private SRO's and non-profits along with the bed bug legislation is an improvement, and the Task Force should continue to pay attention to the outcome.

Pratibha Tekkey commented that her concerns were regarding the visitors' policy, and that the Task Force should have a discussion on the policy.

Scott Walton commented that the Task Force should have someone from the police department come speak with the Task Force on how they prioritize their calls, and said that he will discuss this with Rosemary Bosque.

Victor Nelson commented that the Task Force should also invite a speaker regarding cultural changes in SRO's.

Scott Walton that private owners are involved in issues and they would have to develop what works at their sites.

### **Public Comment on Agenda Item #7**

#### **8. General Public Comment**

There was no public comment on Agenda Item #8.

#### **9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:20AM.