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SRO HOTEL HEALTH & SAFETY TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES –December 20, 2012

1650 Mission Street, Room 431

Chair: Rosemary Bosque

Members Present: Bruce Burge(SRO Operator); Angela Chu (Chinatown SRO Collaborative); Victor Nelson(Tenant Representative); Dr. Johnson Ojo, Environmental Health(DPH); Sam Patel (SRO Operator);Wolfgang Stuwe, Environmental Health (DPH); Pratibha Tekkey(Central City SRO Collaborative); Joshua Vining(Mission SRO Collaborative); Scott Walton (HSA)

Absent: Excused: Yvonne Mere (City Attorney's Office);

Unexcused: Charles Siron (Tenant Representative);

Guests: Nathan Kamps-Hughes; Mattias Mormino

Minutes: May Pasion (DBI-HIS)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Rosemary Bosque at 9:15 AM.

2. Roll call/Determination of Quorum

There was a quorum.

3. Approval of the October 18, 2012 Meeting Minutes

The review and approval of October 18, 2012 minutes was held over to the next SRO Task Force meeting.

4. Administrative Announcements-Discussion & Possible Action

Rosemary Bosque commented on the legislation affecting tenants and operators was sponsored by Supervisor Mar, and co-sponsored by Supervisors Olague, Chu, Kim, and Campos. This legislation proposed the grandfathering in of installation of grab bars in all common bathrooms in all residential hotels incorporating the State law to the San Francisco Housing Code, and operable phone jacks in all residential units, not only residential hotels.

Rosemary Bosque further commented that the Building Inspection Commission voted unanimously in favor of the Legislation, and it will go to the full Board of Supervisors and Land Use Commission in January, 2013. She explained that legislation will require a permit for installation of grab bars, and if the permit is applied for so many days from ordinance adoption the Department of Building Inspection permit fees will be waived. The proposed Legislation was amended to go into effect six (6) months after adoption to allow for outreach, and distribution of information of materials to SRO owners, and operators.

Sam Patel asked if owners will be able to pull the permit.

Rosemary Bosque stated that the language was included, Chapter 11A & 11B of the San Francisco Building Code

Public Comment on Agenda Item #4

There was no public comment on Agenda Item #4.

5. Extension of the SRO Task Force beyond December 31, 2012 File No. 121206 seeks to extend Resolution No. 582-10. -Discussion & Possible Action

Rosemary Bosque stated that copies were distributed regarding the existing resolution, and that Supervisor Kim introduced a resolution to extend the SRO Task Force sunset date to 2015. She further commented that the Task Force meetings will continue until extended, no hiatus is required. The resolution is scheduled to go before the Board of Supervisors in mid-January, 2013.

Rosemary Bosque mentioned that the vacant positions on the Task Force have not been filled, so any individuals wanting to submit for those positions should do so as soon as possible. The information gained from discussions at meetings are valuable to departments, collaborative(s), and related agencies.

Scott Walton commented that the Task Force as a body of collaboration all are involved.

Josh Vining asked what the available vacancies are.

Rosemary Bosque responded that the Nonprofit SRO Manager, and the SRO United Collaborative seat are vacant.

Angela Chu commented that she was the Project Coordinator for Families United Collaborative.

Rosemary Bosque stated that the By-Laws indicate a very specific addition.

Public Comment on Agenda Item #5

There was no public comment on Agenda Item #5.

6. Finalization of the SRO Task Force Bed Bug Report-Discussion & Possible Action

Rosemary Bosque asked the Task Force if there were any changes/additions that they would like to see in this report, and that if the Task Force has any changes/additions/comments, please submit them to her by next SRO Task Force meeting, and she further inquired on the status of the Bed Bug Legislation.

Dr. Johnson Ojo commented that the Legislation was passed.

Rosemary Bosque commented that all rules and regulations are in effect, and said that if the Task Force has any additional ideas, or suggestions that the Task Force would like incorporated in this report, please let her know, and she further commented that Supervisor Kim is working with the other interested groups, and asked the Task Force if they wanted to have a detailed discussion or ask questions to seek any clarifications on the report today.

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Dr. Ojo commented that he didn't have any questions at this time, and he would like to review the report, and make comments.

Rosemary Bosque said that now is a good time to get an overall perspective so that the Task Force can introduce, and give a presentation to the Board of Supervisors. She will also report on SRO Task Force & issues that have been discussed.

Public Comment for Agenda Item #6

There was no public comment on Agenda Item #6.

7. Reports from the SRO Collaboratives- *Discussion & Possible Action*

Angela Chu reported that along the border around Chinatown evictions that been come up the collaborative has been helping, and she further commented that evictions of seniors and disabled persons are happening all over the City, and which has become a major problem. It does not affect SRO's, but it does have a big impact on the type of housing in the City.

Joshua Vining has been providing a leadership program that has been year long. In 2013, there are different tenants with different backgrounds in skill and leadership expertise. There is an application process in January, and the deadline is December 28, 2012.

Bruce Burge asked if there was a name for the leadership program.

Joshua Vining responded, "Tenants are Rising".

Wolfgang Stuwe asked why the evictions are rising.

Angela Chu commented that evictions are occurring to convert into condo-type housing, and those who are being evicted are seniors, who have lived on the property a long time, and it is rent-controlled, and she further commented that there are owners looking to convert to Tenants In Common (TIC) properties.

Rosemary Bosque asked if anyone would like to discuss this issue.

Public Comment on Agenda Item No. 7

There was no public comment on Agenda Item No. 7.

8. Prioritization of Future Meeting Topics-*Discussion & Action*

Rosemary Bosque asked what the Task Force would like to see for future meetings. The Task Force would like to review/finalize the bed bug report. The Task Force members also discussed having speakers regarding violence in SRO Hotels, and issues of relocation of tenants.

Rosemary Bosque commented that the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) will address the issue of violence in SRO's.

Victor Nelson commented that he would like to see a guest speaker speak on the specifics of violence in SRO's who work closely with tenants, and further commented that he would like to see someone speak on community development..

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Rosemary Bosque stated that she would like to invite the Mental Health Association (MHA) back again to attend the Task Force meeting, and speak on hoarding and cluttering.

Victor Nelson stated that he agreed that the Mental Health Association (MHA) should be invited back because they specialize in hoarding and cluttering, it doesn't necessarily mean violence, but it can attribute to it.

Wolfgang Stuwe commented that he would like to see a Crisis Resolution Team because they would be a good organization to invite to the Task Force on how they deal with violence, and how they resolve the issues, and further stated that UCSF & DPH are good agencies to contact. He further commented that Ken Dunn might be a good source to contact.

Sam Patel commented that it would be good to invite social workers who are in nonprofits who deal with support services, and to give their perspective.

Rosemary Bosque commented that the Task Force would have to break this down into components behavioral, authorized fashion, there are so many aspects, and asked the Task Force to think about the various topics to outline so that we can focus on for our future meetings. She further stated that she will give her thoughts and variations on what the Task Force would like to see.

Joshua Vining would like to have a discussion on musical rooms, and said that he is beginning to see a lot more of this problem in the Mission, and have noticed that hotel owners are refusing to give receipts every 3-4 weeks.

Rosemary Bosque stated that for those who are not aware of musical rooms, it is a problem, and the flow of complaints come in from individuals occupying residential rooms. The occupants are told to leave the building, and then come back. The obligation is to establish residential tenancy under the Tenant Control Ordinance controlled by the City Attorney's office because it is in violation of San Francisco Administrative Code, and she further commented that the City Attorneys' office asks DBI to look at residential compliance of the San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 41 to make sure they are keeping all their records that they are required to keep.

Rosemary Bosque also commented that every year DeLane Wolf from SF Rent Board comes to the Task Force to give a presentation on the Visitor's Policy, and to inform the Task Force if there are any Visitor Policy Amendments.

Sam Patel stated that he is usually invited to attend those meetings, and for the last couple of years there have been no changes.

Rosemary Bosque reiterated that for future meetings of the Task Force, the Task Force would like to have discussions on violence in SRO's, relocation procedures, musical rooms, visitor's policies, and invite guests for possible discussions.

Public Comment on Agenda Item #8

There was no public comment on Agenda Item #8.

9. General Public Comment

There was no public comment on Agenda Item #9.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:45AM