



# San Francisco SRO Task Force

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## SRO HOTEL HEALTH & SAFETY TASK FORCE COMMITTEE

**MINUTES – September 15, 2011**

**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 (SRO Families United Collaborative); Victor Nelson (San Francisco Black Out Migration Task Force); Sam Patel (Independent Hotel Owners & Operators); Jorge Portillo (Mission SRO Collaborative); Charles Siron (HIV Health Svs); Alex Tse (City Attorney's Office); Scott Walton (HSA-Housing & Homeless Programs); Eric Whitney (DPH)

**Absent:** Unexcused-None; Excused: Rosemary Bosque (DBI); Jeff Buckley (Central City SRO Collaborative); Dr. Johnson Ojo, (DPH)

**Guests:** Clifford Gilmore (Central City SRO Collaborative); Songhui Miller (Health Care for Homeless Veterans); Mario Oblena (Environmental Health-DPH); Charles Pitts (SRO Tenant); A.R. Synder (Green Cleaning for Pest Control); Joshua Vining (Mission SRO Collaborative)

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

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Scott Walton at 9:10AM.

### 2. Roll call/Determination of Quorum

Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

### 3. Approval of Minutes of July 21, 2011 (Action)

Alex Tse stated that there were words missing on July minutes page 3, top sentence should read, "should develop with comprehensive recommendations."

### Public Comment:

**Action:** With the changes indicated the minutes were approved.

### Approval of Minutes of August 15, 2011 (Action)

Joyce Lam stated that she should be a member and not a guest.

Page 2, paragraph 5 "The Committee does need to explore when the City will allow the Task Force abstention."

Page 4, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph fifth line (5), Seth Katzman stated that he was not referring to DHS it should be changed to "Conard House".

Page 5, paragraph 6 should read "asked if that is something HSA can consider."

**Public Comment.**

**Action:** With the changes indicated the minutes were approved.

**4. Administrative Announcements (Discussion)**

Scott Walton commented that Rosemary Bosque shared information regarding the San Francisco Fire Department will be attending the October SRO Task Force meeting and the Senior Action Network that will be attending a Task Force meeting in November and both of these meetings the Task Force will continue the process to develop the bed bug report and recommendations.

Scott Walton asked if there were any other announcements.

Alex Tse queried regarding recording the meetings. Scott Walton clarified that it was his understanding that public meetings can be recorded and that it does not supercede the approved minutes regarding what was said.

Seth Katzman commented that a few months ago public comments were made after every meeting, but now it is after every item.

**5. Challenges and Target Issues related to Bed Bug Infestation-Discussion and Possible Action**

Scott Walton said that Rosemary Bosque developed a template and that it is a working document only. No information has been approved and defined, but if we want to add our specific comments and suggestions email them to Rosemary Bosque and they will be incorporated and discussed. The Task Force may want to consider the code enforcement issues and challenges, general recommendations, and suggestions can come from an owner, lessee, or a tenant representative.

Bruce Burge commented on the typos. Scott Walton suggested to highlight them and give them to Bernedette Perez.

Alex Tse asked the Task Force if anyone was aware of any information regarding Supervisor's Jane Kim's hearing on Bed Bugs.

Joyce Lam commented that the hearings are in progress.

Scott Walton said that it is a public hearing and it is to bring people together because this is a public concern.

Alex Tse asked if we should invite Supervisor Kim and/or have a representative to attend a Task Force meeting so that we are not duplicating the information regarding bed bugs.

Scott Walton spoke to Charles Pitts saying the public comment will be heard and this item is for Task Force members only and asked that this be respected.

Scott Walton stated that since Dr. Ojo was not present for this item today, we should discuss it more in the future because this is part of DPH's code enforcement.

Mario Oblena said that some bed bugs develop resistance to some chemicals that are used, and that DPH recommendation is that after the first treatment and then followup with a second treatment with different pesticides, and there are challenges in removing items and preparing rooms for tenants who are elderly and tenants who have mental health/disability issues.

Mario Oblena stated that there is another challenge in SRO's that there are tenants who may refuse to comply with the treatment and the laundering of their items.

## **6. Report from SRO Collaboratives-Update and Issues**

Angela Chu mentioned that the Chinatown Tenants Association is having a convention September 25, 2011 regarding the bed bug issue, and that she will report to the Task Force at the next meeting.

Scott Walton asked how this event was being advertised.

Angela Chu stated that they are announcing this event at their neighborhood meetings.

Clifford Gilmore commented that the Central City SRO Collaborative has been working with the CPMC development and the community related to health care and job training, and that the Collaborative is working with SFMTA regarding addressing pedestrian safety on 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

## **7. Prioritization of Future Meeting Topics-Possible Action**

Scott Walton mentioned that the next SRO Task Force meeting in October the Task Force will have SFFD speak on Community Kitchens, Egress, and the Sprinkler Ordinance, and in November the Task Force will have a guest speaker from the Senior Action Network/Senior Housing Action Collaborative.

Victor Nelson commented that the Task Force should have a discussion on the Realignment Process which will move state inmates, releases and parolees to the county.

Scott Walton stated that he will talk with Rosemary Bosque to have this topic as a future agenda item.

Seth Katzman commented that some issues may not relate to violence in the SRO's and asked how do we discuss this, and violence goes up and down every year.

Jorge Portillo stated that there are basic protocols in each hotel regarding how to handle tenants who are violent, and that there may be some difference in private housing versus non-profit hotels. The Task Force should compare policies on what will work.

### **Public Comment:**

Charles Pitts commented that criminals are being placed at the Mission Hotel, and that there should be roving case managers to oversee the hotel to make sure their needs are being met.

Scott Walton stated that the Mission Hotel is part of the HSA SRO master lease program since 1999, and that the placements are done according to the contract parameters.

**Adjournment :** The meeting was adjourned at 10:21AM.