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Stamford Social Services Commission Meeting
888 Washington Blvd.
Stamford, CT. 06901

Wednesday, July 12, 2023, 4:30 P.M. Via Zoom
Draft Minutes

Attendees

Commissioners:
Caroline Temlock Teichman, Chair
Kate Lombardo
Ellen Petersen

City of Stamford:
Sharona Cowan, Social Services Director
Dana Lee, Assistant Corporation Counsel

Members of the Public:
None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Caroline Temlock Teichman at 4:39 P.M.

Minutes

The minutes for the June 7, 2023, meeting were presented. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Commissioner Lombardo and seconded by Commissioner Petersen. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

Public Comment

None.

Report from the Social Services Director

The Social Services Director reviewed outstanding Fair Rent Complaints. Two are scheduled to be heard tonight and three on July 25.

Old Business

Fair Rent Complaint FR20220527-18, heard and decided on September 13, 2022. This complainant has additional concerns. Commissioner Temlock Teichman moved that the Commission go into Executive Session to discuss the complaint. Commissioner Lombardo seconded the motion. The Commission entered Executive Session at 4:52 P.M. and exited at 4:56 P.M., at which time the regular meeting resumed.

New Business

The Commission will discuss the Human Rights Commission research at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission that is not on the night of a Fair Rent Hearing.

Fair Rent Hearing – Complaint FR20230203-03

The hearing was called to order at 4:58 P.M. Present in addition to the previous listed attendees were:

Abigail Diaz, Complainant

Dahlia Romanow, Attorney for the Complainants, Connecticut Fair Housing Center

Jeff Gentes, Attorney, Connecticut Fair Housing Center (attending as an observer)

Maria Cuerda, Interpreter, Connecticut Fair Housing Center

Uanderson Benedetti, Landlord

Mark Sank, Attorney for the Landlord

Michael Frattaroli, Property Manager

Arrived later in the hearing:

Gloria Hernandez, Complainant

Patricia Boyd, Member of the Public

The hearing concluded at 7:22 P.M. The Commission took a short break and reconvened at 7:28 P.M. A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Commissioner Temlock Teichman and seconded by Commissioner Petersen. The Commission entered Executive Session at 7:29 P. M. A motion to exit Executive Session was made by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Lombardo. The Executive Session concluded at 8:15 P.M.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Temlock Teichman and seconded by Commissioner Petersen. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 P.M.