

Rental Housing Research Stakeholder Group Meeting Minutes

West Central Community Center, Mason Auditorium

1603 N. Belt Street, Spokane, WA

July 28, 2016, 5:15pm-7:00pm

Introductions and Ground Rules

Heather Trautman, Facilitator

Discussion Regarding Stakeholder Participation

Diana Klasen was introduced as a stakeholder replacement for Cicely Bradley of Spokane Housing Authority, and Rashad Gaballa was introduced as a stakeholder replacement for Patty Webster of Spokane Housing Ventures. The stakeholders were asked whether there were any concerns with these replacements. The stakeholders agreed that it was ok for Ms. Klasen and Mr. Gaballa to sit at the table as stakeholders.

Since Alfredo Llamedo was in attendance at the July 19 meeting as a substitute for Ron Toston, and since Ron Toston was present at this meeting, the stakeholders were asked whether there were any objections to Mr. Llamedo sitting at the table as a stakeholder for the meeting. The stakeholders did not express any objections.

Review of Final Report Materials

Julie Banks, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, was introduced to lead the review of the materials that will be included in the final report to the Community Assembly. Julie noted that at the July 19 meeting, the stakeholders reached a consensus to forward the Landlord, Tenant, and Neighborhood stakeholder presentations to the Community Assembly. These presentations will be accompanied by a cover letter written by Julie Banks, and an index of the stakeholder group research materials on the Public Safety Committee website. The stakeholders were asked if there were any questions or issues with the materials to be forwarded.

A question was raised about disparaging emails that were sent to the stakeholders. Staff was asked whether those emails would be included on the website.

Since the group agreed at the July 19 meeting that material sent after that meeting would not be included in the final materials, the emails will not be included on the website.

The proposed cover letter to the Community Assembly was discussed. The stakeholders agreed to some minor edits in the language of the cover letter.

Clarification was requested about which version of the Landlord Stakeholder Presentation was being forwarded to the Community Assembly.

Background explanation: The Landlords gave their stakeholder presentation on March 22, 2016. The presentation contained language that characterized individuals and groups and was deemed offensive by some stakeholders. In response, Alexander Scott submitted an alternate version of the landlord's presentation revising the language deemed offensive. Mr. Scott requested that the revised presentation be the version forwarded to the Community Assembly.

Some stakeholders expressed objections to the revised version of the Landlord's stakeholder presentation that was proposed to be forwarded to the Community Assembly and expressed the opinion that the version forwarded should be the original version as it was originally presented.

After failing to reach a consensus on whether or not to allow the revised version of the Landlord's presentation to be the version forwarded to the Community Assembly, the Chair suggested that both versions of the presentation be forwarded with a disclaimer. The stakeholders did not reach a consensus on the Chair's proposal.

The Chair proposed that the stakeholders vote on whether or not to forward both versions along with a disclaimer. **The stakeholders agreed to the vote and the proposal was approved with 7 stakeholders in favor of forwarding both presentations with a disclaimer, and 3 stakeholders opposed.**

The stakeholder group adjourned. There will be no future meetings and the stakeholder group is disbanded. As agreed upon by consent of the stakeholders at the July 19 meeting, the landlord, tenant, and neighborhood presentations, a cover letter, and index of the stakeholder group materials will be forwarded to and presented to the Community Assembly on August 4, 2016.