



Hamilton

TENANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 4, 2013

2:30 – 4:30 pm

Boardroom – 350 King Street, Hamilton

Present: Connie Bellamy (Chair), Marie Raftis, John Hawker, Don Britton

Regrets: Laura Ryan, Andy Cranbury, Larry Husack

Also Present: Janet Surmanski, Dave Brodati

1) WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Connie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

None

3) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

4) STAFF LIAISON ROLE

Janet Surmanski clarified that her role as the staff liaison for TAC involves helping the committee with resource materials, background knowledge, and contacts with other City staff, which are directly related to the work plan/focus area goals. In the upcoming year staff will invite speakers to meetings, to provide the committee with information on the focus areas, and to give TAC the opportunity to provide input. Issues not directly related to the work plan will not be discussed as a priority.

5) 2014 BUDGET SUBMISSION - PRESENTATION DECEMBER 9, 2013

The Committee reviewed the budget submission for December 9th meeting of Emergency and Community Services Committee and approved the budget request

6) PRESENTATION - DECEMBER 9, 2013

The Committee discussed the importance of the Housing and Homelessness Action Plan and indicated their support in the following motion:

That the Tenant Advisory Committee supports Phase One and Two of the Housing and Homelessness Action Plan by providing their input, and further supports the staff initiatives related to this work now and in the future.

7) REVIEW OF THE FOCUS AREAS

TAC discussed the importance in increasing tenant voter turnout and how TAC could advise to help increase voter turnout.

Action: Connie will contact the Housing Help Center and the Legal Clinics to see what plans they have for advocacy work in this area.

The Committee discussed the importance of public consultation as it relates to the Website redevelopment project, and asked for an update at the next meeting

Action: Janet will contact Jay Adams for an update.

8) OTHER BUSINESS

A general discussion took place regarding the delay and complications at the registration desk on the first day of the ONPHA conference. Staff advised that the registrations were sent in, however, there were some administrative issues which arose in the conference database, largely due to the size of the conference and the number of delegates. Members expressed some concern regarding the manner in which ONPHA addressed the issue at the time.

Action: The members asked Janet to follow-up with ONPHA to get additional information.

Dave advised that the Housing and Homelessness Planning Group is looking to fill a gap in terms of the tenant sector for their group. John Hawker indicated his interest and the Committee agreed that he will represent TAC on this committee.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting time was set for December 12, 2013.