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**CITY OF NORWALK
FAIR RENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
VIA ZOOM
AUGUST 2, 2023**

ATTENDANCE: John Church, Chair; Farn Collier-Clemmons; Lunise Constant;
Peter Halladay; Brenda Penn-Williams; Samuel Pride (7:43 p.m.);

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Johnnie Mae Weldon (8:00 p.m.)

STAFF: Carlos Duque, Fair Rent Coordinator; Attorney Russel Lisko

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Church called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. and called the Roll as indicated above.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a. July 12, 2023

The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Add Attorney Lisko under attendance

Correct Ms. Penn-Williams' name

Correct the spelling of Lunise Constant's name

Page 4: Case 827-23 should read – the staff recommended hearing the case

Page 4: Case 1829-23 should read landlord, not client and that staff recommended hearing the case

** **MS. CONSTANT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED**

** **MS. PENN-WILLIAMS SECONDED**

** **MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MR. HALLADAY)**

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Church noted there are four vacancies on the Commission. He said he feels this Commission is a good representation of the City, but would like to get a broader scope of voices on the Commission.

Mr. Duque said that he received an e-mail from the City Clerk asking for resumes from the current Commissioners and those who wish to be reappointed. She also asked for resumes from anyone who wishes to be appointed to the Commission.

4. COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Duque reported that over the last two months, they assisted over 320 families. This is the time of year when property managers do lease renewals. As a result, rents will be increased. He urged people to use the services of the Fair Rent office if needed.

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Mr. Duque said he and Attorney Lisko have been able to mediate with landlords and come to agreements in a lot of cases.

Mr. Pride joined the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

5. REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND MOTIONS ON OPEN CASES

a. 1821-23

Mr. Lisko reviewed the case and recommended taking no action.

**** MR. PRIDE MOVED TO TAKE NO ACTION
** MS. COLLIER-CLEMMONS SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

b. 1824-23

Mr. Lisko reviewed the case and recommended taking no action.

**** MS. COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO TAKE NO ACTION
** MR. PRIDE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Weldon joined the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

c. 1825-23

Mr. Lisko reviewed the case and recommended taking no action.

**** MR. PRIDE MOVED TO TAKE NO ACTION
** MS. COLLIER-CLEMMONS SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

d. 1826-23

Mr. Lisko reviewed the case and recommended taking no action.

**** MS. PENN-WILLIAMS MOVED TO TAKE NO ACTION
** MS. COLLIER-CLEMMONS SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

e. 1827-23

Mr. Lisko reviewed the case and recommended taking no action.

**** MR. PRIDE MOVED TO TAKE NO ACTION**
**** MS. WELDON SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

f. 1828-23

Mr. Lisko reviewed the case and recommended taking no action.

**** MS. COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO TAKE NO ACTION**
**** MR. PRIDE SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

g. 1829-23

Mr. Lisko reviewed the case and recommended taking no action.

**** MS. COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO TAKE NO ACTION**
**** MS. PENN-WILLIAMS SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

6. PRESENTATION OF NEW CASES

a. 1830-23

Mr. Lisko reviewed the case and recommended hearing the case.

**** MS. COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO HEAR THE CASE**
**** MS. WELDON SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

b. 1831-23

Mr. Lisko reviewed the case and recommended hearing the case.

**** MS. PENN-WILLIAMS MOVED TO HEAR THE CASE**
**** MS. COLLIER-CLEMMONS SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Fair Rent Commission Brunch

The Commissioners discussed the upcoming brunch at Pinstripes on August 20th.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Penn-Williams announced that Ms. Oliver lost her Father. The Commissioners expressed their condolences to Ms. Oliver. Mr. Duque will send a food tray.

Mr. Church said he expects to see a lot more business come before this Commission due to the rent increases and demand for apartments. He noted there are not enough units to meet the demand, resulting in rent increases.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN

**** MR. HALLADAY MOVED TO ADJOURN
** MS. COLLIER-CLEMMONS SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services