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ATTENDANCE: John Church, Chair; Fran Collier Clemmons, Vice Chair;
Lunsie Constant; Peter Halladay; Brenda Penn Williams

STAFF: Carlos Duque, Fair Rent Coordinator

OTHERS: Russel Liskov, Fair Rent Counsel

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a. February 1, 2023

The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Change Chairman to Chair, throughout

Correct the spelling of Ms. Weldon's name throughout

**** MS. COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS
CORRECTED**

**** MR. HALLADAY SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

b. Welcome to Commissioner Lunise Constant

Mr. Church welcomed Ms. Constant and asked her to introduce herself. The Commissioners welcomed Ms. Constant to the Commission.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Church said he wanted to call attention to the recent fire at an apartment in Norwalk that was identified as being an illegal apartment. He said that there are opportunities for Fair Rent to coordinate with other City departments to provide services to the residents living in unsafe apartments.

Mr. Church said there have been a lot of conversations about new apartments being built, but as a long time Norwalk resident, he realized that some of the apartments thought of as new, are now

becoming mature. He said that he would not be surprised to see issues coming up that there may be complaints about those apartments.

Ms. Penn Williams noted that people can't find apartments and the rent is so high.

4. COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Duque reported that in the last three months, he has been able to help around 100 families. He is bilingual which allows him to build a rapport with those families. He said he encourages people to report unsafe living conditions and sends people to the Family Navigator or to the Health Department for assistance.

Mr. Duque said he is keeping an eye on the Senate Bill that puts a cap on rent increases. He discussed meeting in person, but with a hybrid component. Mr. Church added that he felt it would be good to meet in person, especially for hearings. Ms. Penn Williams said she was ok with meetings being held in a hybrid format, but said she will meet on Zoom.

5. REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND MOTIONS ON OPEN CASES

a. 1817-22

Mr. Liskov reviewed the case. Staff recommended closing the case.

**** MS. COLLIER CLEMMONS MOVED TO CLOSE CASE 1817-22**
**** MR. HALLADAY SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

b. 1818-22

Mr. Liskov reviewed the case. Staff recommended closing the case.

**** MS. COLLIER CLEMMONS MOVED TO CLOSE CASE 1818-22**
**** MS. PENN WILLIAMS SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

c. 1820-23

Mr. Liskov reviewed the case. Staff recommended to not hear the case.

**** MS. COLLIER CLEMMONS MOVED TO NOT HEAR CASE 1820-23**
**** MR. HALLADAY SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

6. PRESENTATION OF NEW CASES

a. 1821-23

Mr. Liskov reviewed the case. Staff recommended hearing the case.

**** MS. COLLIER CLEMMONS MOVED TO HEAR CASE 1821-23**
**** MR. HALLADAY SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

7. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed this evening.

8. NEW BUSINESS

The Commissioners discussed the upcoming Annual Dinner in June.

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 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services