



TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

MEETING MINUTES

FAIR RENT COMMISSION

October 27, 2022 at 6:30 PM

West Hartford Town Hall Legislative Chambers, Room 314

I. Meeting Opening – 6:35 PM:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Chair Brian Fulco welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 6:34 pm.
- C. Roll Call: Stuart Mahler, Nastajha Ortiz, Alexis Safo-Agyeman, and Ashley Rigby. Absent: Nichole Berklas. A quorum of members were present.
- D. Town of West Hartford Staff Present: Helen Rubino-Turco, Director of Leisure & Social Services/Fair Rent Coordinator. Attorney Cynthia Lauture, Complainant Marachoello, Complainants De Perez and Perez Morales, Defendant Zuzana Gonzelez of CSRE ACQUISITIONS MANAGEMENT.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approval of May, 26 2022 Meeting

Motion made by: Stuart Mahler

Motion seconded by: Ashley Rigby

Vote: Motion passes unanimously

III. Explanation of Administrative Hearing Guidelines

Chair Fulco advised that everyone was present for the purpose of holding a hearing. The court reporter was present. Chair Fulco ensured that all parties were present, and went over the hearing procedures. Commissioner Ortiz swore in Complainant, Complainant witness, and Respondent's Representative.

IV. Case #2022-08, Maraschiello v. Highland Creativity LLC, et al.

- A. Complainant was invited to the podium and presented his case to the Commission.
- B. Recess.
- C. Complainant continued testifying. Complainant answered various questions from Commission members in regards to his finances.
- D. Chair Safo-Agyeman sustained from any questioning and voting due to being familiar with one party in this case.
- E. Defendant and representative of Highland Creativity LLC Zuzana Gonzalez presented to the commission.
- F. Recess
- G. Commissioner Rigby motions to make a finding that rental remain at \$985 in November and December 2022, rent will then increase to \$1,135 in January 2023. The commission also made a referral to Social Services.
- H. Commissioner Mahler 2nd the motion
 - I. Vote: Motion passes unanimously

V. Case #2022-09 Espinal De Perez, et al. v. 3Fabco-Concord LLC

- A. Complainants were invited to the podium and presented their case to the Commission with their interpreter.
- B. Recess.
- C. Complainant continued testifying. Complainant answered various questions from Commission members in regards to what they were looking for the board to do.
- D. No defendant from 3Fabco-Concord LLC were present
- F. Recess
- G. Commissioner Ortiz motions to continue the meeting in two weeks for commission to review West Hartford and Bloomfield health district notes/recommendations. Rent check for November 2022 should be sent to the town of West Hartford.
- H. Commissioner Rigby 2nd the motion
- I. Vote: Motion passes unanimously

VI: New Business:

Director of Leisure & Social Services/Fair Rent Coordinator. Attorney Cynthia Lauture made a motion to have meetings on 1st of 3rd Thursday monthly. Commissioners agreed to meet on the 1st Thursday monthly.

Adjournment

- A. Motion to Adjourn made by Commissioner Ortiz
- B. Motion Seconded by Chair Fulco
- C. Unanimous
- D. Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm