



City of Madison
Minutes - Approved
EOC Executive Committee

City of Madison
Madison, WI 53703
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Monday, December 3, 2018

5:00 P.M.

Room 523
City-County Building
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Call to Order / Roll Call:

Meeting called to order at 5:13pm

Members present: Corinda Rainey-Moore, Zach Madden, and Danielle Dieringer

Members absent: - Richelle Andrae, Charles McDowell

Others present: Britni Sutton, EOD Administrative Clerk. Byron Bishop, EOD Division Manager

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Dieringer discloses that her employer, YWCA, offers a program called "Housing First." There are participants of that program that have been referred to the Allied Drive complex owned by Quest Real Estate.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Madden moved to approve the minutes from the **October 29, 2018** meeting without correction. The motion was seconded by Dieringer and passed by voice vote.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

5. Discuss 53601 - Allied Dr Neighborhood Housing Issues

- Bishop shared an email received by a member of the Tenant Resource Center about possible discriminatory practices on Allied Drive by Immanuel LLC. See attached.
- Richelle Andrae was unable to attend but provided an email with input, which is attached.
- The Committee is going to look into the Landlord-Tenant Commission to find out who is on it, what they are working on, and if there are opportunities to collaborate.
- Future Equal Opportunities Commission meetings may be held at other neighborhoods in Madison. Meadowood and Kennedy Heights were two options that were discussed. If they are scheduled, Public Health and Building Inspection will be invited to attend.

6. EOD Manager Update/Report

- The EOD is working on becoming a Substantially Equivalent Agency with HUD. The agreement is under review in D.C.

8. Future Topics from the floor.

- There are none discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Deiringner moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 P.M. The motion was seconded by Madden and passed by voice vote.

Sutton, Britni

Subject: FW: Allied family discrimination

From: Garcia, Julio

Sent: Monday, December 03, 2018 4:10 PM

To: Estrella, Ryan <estrella@countyofdane.com>; Bishop, Byron <BBishop@cityofmadison.com>; Molly Wells <molly@tenantresourcecenter.org>

Subject: Allied family discrimination

Hi Ryan and Byron,

I am contacting you because of a possible case of discrimination in the area of Allied. The tenants I worked with are technically in Fitchburg, but I thought that keeping the EOC in the loop is appropriate.

The cases relate to **Immanuel LLC**, a rental company that rents mainly to Hispanic tenants. The owners/managers are a **Juanita and a Jim** (most people identify their names better than the company name).

Last Saturday they gave 28-day **termination notices** to 4 of the households on an 8-unit building: 2119 Rosenberg Rd. . There was no apparent reason or clear retaliation. The only common characteristic is that those 4 were the only **households with children**. They also mention that they are always trying to constrain any children activity around the buildings. I helped them write a letter to try to make them backtrack on their termination of the month-to-month tenancies.

I'm optimistic about the effect of the letter. In the past, this landlords tend to backtrack once the tenant shows that the tenant is aware of their rights. But still I think it is a good idea to keep an eye on it. I told them about the **NRT meeting** and they may show up to the next one.

Let me know if you have any questions or want to contact this tenants.

Thanks,

Julio

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Julio G.

Housing Resource Specialist, Spanish Outreach

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Sutton, Britni

From: Corinda Rainey-Moore
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2018 11:11 AM
To: Richelle Andrea
Cc: Sutton, Britni
Subject: Re: EOC Executive Committee Meeting 12/3

I will be in attendance on Monday. Thanks Richelle. These are great suggestions. I will discuss with the executive team.

On Tue, Nov 27, 2018 at 9:00 AM Richelle Andrae <rrandrae@gmail.com> wrote:

I will NOT be able to attend, and am unavailable by phone. However - a few thoughts for you, Corinda. I had a chance to catch up with Danielle last night, to talk about our work group and activities. Our feeling is that it would be valuable to hold listening sessions in a few other neighborhoods over the winter season, perhaps with some structured questions, reaching out in advance / planning a schedule with NRTs, or even asking PHMDC or the City to leverage connections through other community organizations eg. churches, etc. to get what feedback we can about equity (or lack thereof) in living conditions. The meeting at Allied was very helpful - especially PHMDC's role in preparation - and I think it would be worth our time, and provide a more comprehensive picture, to do this work in multiple areas before we try to determine appropriate action. Other gems may come up along the way, then we can thing from a policy level, instead of responding to individual anecdotes - though those were extremely helpful.

We were also curious if the City could give us the back story on the now-defunct Landlord-Tenant board, why it has not met, who was / is on it, etc.

Those are my 2 cents :)

On Tue, Nov 27, 2018 at 8:25 AM Sutton, Britni <BSutton@cityofmadison.com> wrote:

Hi All,

The next EOC Executive Committee meeting is Monday December 3rd. Please let me know if you plan on attending.

I have attached the minutes from last time to be reviewed for approval. I have also attached a draft of the agenda for next week. Please let me know if you would like to see any changes or additions.

Thank you,