

**Rooming House Working Group Meeting Notes
November 14, 2011, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
45 Strachan Avenue**

Present:	
Sandra Vaughan	Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, Chair
Rosemary Foulds	Shelter, Support and Housing Administration
Michael Boyle	Tenant
Ken Kennedy	Kennedy Residence
Paulene Kennedy	Kennedy Residence
Phil Nazar	Toronto Christian Resource Centre
Harvey Stein	WoodGreen Community Services
Thania Valle	East York East Toronto Family Resources
Sharaayne Humphrey	East York East Toronto Family Resources
David Raponi-Monk	John Howard Society
Chris Persaud	Habitat Services
Brian Forth	Tenant
Glenn Sheridan	Legal Aid Ontario
Regrets:	
Joe Magalhaes	Municipal Licensing and Standards

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:11pm. Members were welcomed to the meeting and there was a round of introductions. Sandra Vaughan conducted her first meeting as Chair of the Rooming House Working Group.

2. Minutes of Meeting of September 12, 2011

Chris Persaud made a correction to the minutes indicating that under Business Arising, the last sentence should read Habitat has been working with the landlord to rectify key issues *related to the Habitat contract*.

The minutes the meeting were approved as amended.

3. Business Arising

1725 and 1723 Dufferin Road (Ward 17) Community Meeting
The licensing hearing for 1725 Dufferin Street only will take place on Nov 22 only at Joe Piccinnini Rec Centre at 1369 St. Clair Ave. West, at 6:30pm. Please note: there is no license hearing for 1723 Dufferin Street.

4. 543 Yonge Street - Rosemary

Rosemary updated the group regarding an illegal rooming house on the 4th floor at 543 Yonge Street. Toronto Fire, Municipal Licensing and Standards and the owner of the building have been working on this issue to ensure the safety of the tenants. A court hearing to evict the commercial tenant (the landlord of the tenants resident

on the 4th floor) will take place in December. Housing Help services are available to tenants who need assistance to find alternative accommodation.

5. Rooming House Support Project Update

The HPI proposal call, which is the current potential source of funding for this project, has not been issued. The question was raised as to what the process would be re: reporting on the project's progress.

Action Item: Chair noted that she would follow up and find out how this project will report back to the committee.

6. Rooming House License Renewal Notices and Hearing Notices

Renewal Notices and Hearing notices are being circulated to the RHWG on a trial basis. Members support the trial distribution practice:

- Hearing notices are distributed immediately
- Distribution of renewal notices is less urgent. These are batched from the 1st-15th and the 16th-31st of the month and sent out accordingly.

7. Announcements

Phil Nazar has volunteered to be the Community Co-Chair for the Rooming House Working Group. The Terms of Reference was emailed to RHWG for review.

2012 Meeting Schedule: the schedule of 2012 RHWG meeting is set and is available online and will be distributed to the membership via email. All meetings in 2012 will be held at Metro Hall.

RRAP Funding for 2012 – Rosemary reported that the federal and provincial governments have just signed an agreement which includes a portion of funding for RRAP. Information is available on the CMHC website, but there is no schedule for funding.

Action: the schedule for RRAP funding will be circulated to RHWG members.

Landlordconnect will have a networking lunch on December 15th from 11:30-2pm at EYET 947 Queen Street East. Glenn Sheridan from Landlords' Self Help Centre will be presenting. Youth from SKETCH will be performing.

Toronto Christian Resource Centre will be opening its new building at 40 Oakes Street. They expect to begin housing tenants in early Jan 2012. 47 units will be fully furnished. TCRC is working with 6 agencies to fill the units. It's not supportive housing by definition, but it comes with some assistance.

John Howard Society now has 10 self-contained units at Fred Victor with lots of supports. JHS will provide staffing everyday from Monday-Friday. All the units are RGI units and are for JHS clients only. There is a waitlist. Contact David Monk-Rapini for more info.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:10pm.

9. Next Meeting: January 9, 2012 at 2-4pm, at Metro Hall, Room 314.