



CITY OF EAST LANSING

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HOUSING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES -

December 19, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

54-B DISTRICT COURT, COURTROOM #2
101 LINDEN STREET

MEMBERS

Kacie Kefgen, Chairperson
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1) OPENING

A) Roll Call

The Commission agreed to have Commissioner Secor Chair tonight’s meeting due to the absence of Vice Chair Wagner and Chairperson Kefgen.

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Secor at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Present: Cahill, Secor, Freeman, Gray, Rosen

Absent: Ferguson, Kefgen, Wagner

City Staff Present: Annette Irwin

B) Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Freeman moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Cahill supported the motion. All present in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

C) Approval of Minutes September 19, 2019

Motion: Commissioner Rosen moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Cahill supported the motion. All present in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

D) Commissioner Concerns – none

2) **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS/COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC** – none

3) **PUBLIC COMMENT** –none

4) **PUBLIC HEARING** –

A) Initial rental license hearing for 600 Albert, Unit 308

Application for a Class III rental license allowing up to two unrelated persons or a family to occupy the dwelling. The owner is Martha Yousif, East Lansing.

Staffperson Irwin reviewed the staff report. The applicant has applied for a Class III rental license for up to two unrelated persons or a family. This is a two-bedroom, two bath condo unit located in Albert Place Condominiums. Parking is available in the lower level of the structure. The documents required to meet Policy Resolution 2002-8 are attached in the packet. These documents

include notification to the condominium board, approval letter from the board, portion of the master deed related to rental use and a copy of the proposed lease.

The owner according to assessing records is Michael Yousif and SMS East Lansing, LLC, East Lansing, MI. Rafid and Martha Yousif deeded the unit to Michael Yousif in January 2018. The property was inspected on November 22, 2019 and found to be in compliance.

In reviewing the requirements of the code and the information provided to date, Staffperson Irwin's recommendation is for a conditional class III rental license allowing up two unrelated persons or a family to reside at the dwelling.

Public Comments:

Martha Yousif, East Lansing, was present and answered questions of the commission. Ms. Yousif stated that currently her son resides at the condo and she is aware of the 2-year lease requirement.

Public Comment: Ce Liu (Will), 600 Albert, Unit 408. Will explained that he is a professor at MSU and moved into his condominium unit in August 2019, prior to the start of the academic year. He explained that the residents/guests in unit 308 have had loud parties. Will had written the condo association and knocked on the door. He had thought this would be a quieter unit and is frustrated with the situation.

Following this public comment Mr. Liu and Ms. Yousif had an opportunity to talk and exchange contact information. The commissioners thanked Mr. Liu for sharing this information and encouraged him to call the police if the noise continues. Ms. Yousif also expressed concern and that she would be addressing this issue.

Motion: Commissioner Gray moved to recommend approval of a Conditional Class III rental license allowing up to two unrelated persons or a family for 600 Albert, Unit 308. Commissioner Freeman supported the motion. All present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed

5) **NEW BUSINESS** – none

6) **OLD BUSINESS** – none

7) **STAFF REPORTS** –

A) City Council Update –

B) Staff Update – Irwin acknowledged that this was the last meeting for Commissioner Gray and thanked her for service to the commission. She will be serving on the Historic Commission. Also noted that Commissioner Ferguson has completed a 2nd term of service and thanked her for her time and commitment to the commission.

8) **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Secor motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M. Commissioner Cahill supported the motion. All present, in favor of the motion. Motion passed.