City of Hamilton
Planning and Economic Development Department
Parking and By-law Services Division
Neighbourhood (Wards 1, 8, 10 & 12) Residential Rental Housing
Community Liaison Committee

MINUTES

April 8, 2009
Hamilton Convention Center – Webster Room - 214

Present: Councillor Brian McHattie, Councillor Terry Whitehead, Jennifer Kleven, Michelle Ball, Azim Kasmani, Sasha Rana, Vinnie Welsh, Ken Sherman, Colleen Wicken, Meredith Vanstone, John Popham, Joe Xamin, Debbie Thomas, Richard Anderson, Karen Perez, Steve Schwin, Councillor Chad Collins, Al Fletcher, Vishal Tawvari, Orest Katolyk, Michail

Regrets: Alan Griffiths, Pat DeLuca, Ira Rosen, Gail Fisher, Connie Spitman, Greg Bartholemew, Matt VanderVecht, Fred Schat, Ken Moyle

1. Call Meeting to Order
   - Councillor McHattie opened the meeting, greeting all volunteers and introducing new members
   - Review of current agenda
   - Review minutes from March 4, 2009 – minutes accepted– Jennifer motion to approve minutes – Vinnie seconded – Motion Carried

2. Welcome and Introduction of Staff from City of London
   - Brian provided welcome to the group, including guest speakers
   - Orest Katolyk Manager– By-law Enforcement and Planner Michael Tomazincic
   - Provided a power point presentation of their reporting and background material to their approach to regulating residential rental housing
   - Provided overview of demographic areas and question and answers around where they drew the info from
   - Discussed the role of the University and College
   - Discussion around neutral fee cost recovery for enforcement
3. Zoning by-law Changes: Habitable Rooms – Al Fletcher
   - Report on overbuilding distributed
   - Official Plan will be completed in June 2009
   - 8 habitable rooms in home
   - more parking – discussion on how habitable rooms drive need for additional parking – needs to be accommodated as both are tied together
   - 50% green space still applies
   - also a height by-law for structures

4. General Discussion
   - point raised we need limit on number of bedrooms
   - Orest qualified and referred back to plan on how they did consensus
   - Proactive enforcement was discussed – tenants generally allow entry – gain trust
   - Al addressed Granny Suites issues, it is permitted under the Official Plan
   - Question about fire inspection fee? Would it be included in license? Undetermined at this time
   - Definitely will be rent increases – students – Azim made the point that the impact on safety would be a positive step

5. Update Public Information Centers
   - City will be conducting two City-wide PIC to discuss what are issues with rental housing
   - Landlords PIC April 22/09
   - Residents May 28 & June 3, 2009
   - Review of questionnaire results – students deferred to next meeting
   - Neighbourhood Report to Committee in September/October