

FAIR RENT & QUALITY HOUSING COMMISSION  
COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER AUDITORIUM

January 24, 2024

PRESENT Shawna Rohan, Cathy Flippen, Sarah Lapean  
ABSENT Goviana Morales, Katherine Russello

ALSO Robert Fitzgerald, Assistant Corporation Counsel  
PRESENT

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Shawna Rohan  
seconded by Cathy Flippen  
to **approve** the minutes from the December 27, 2023  
Motion carried 3/0

NEW BUSINESS

A. Case # 2024-01 Jerismery Diaz vs. Carmen Cervantes

The Commission received notice that the parties came to an agreement and this case has been resolved outside of this hearing with the Town.

MOTION By Shawna Rohan  
seconded by Sarah Lapean  
to dismiss this case, it has been resolved outside of this hearing with the town.  
Motion carried 3/0

B. Case# 2-24-02 Shante Taylor vs. Up Realty

Ms. Taylor stated that her present rent is \$950. The resident received notice on December 11, 2023, that management will be exercising their right to Not Renew the Lease. They asked that she vacate the unit and return the keys no later than 01/31/24. A second notice was sent regarding the lease in the amount of \$1300 with a sign-on bonus of \$100 but if the rent is late, the tenant will have to pay the full lease amount of \$1300 including \$150.00.

The Commissioners asked clarifying questions regarding the complaint filed.

Daysha James, Property Manager, Up Realty said 95% of the property was renovated. Ms. Taylor lived in an older apartment and no renovations have been made.

that the monthly rent for Ms. Taylor stays at \$950 until her unit has been renovated/upgraded or Up Realty can offer Ms. Taylor an upgraded apartment in the building.

Mr. Fitzgerald confirmed that following the proceedings of tonight's meeting, a written order signed by Commission Chair Rohan reflecting the decision made will be completed and provided to the public.

to pay the Commission Clerk for tonight's meeting.

Motion carried 3/0

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION** By Sarah Lepean  
seconded by Cathy Flippen

to **adjourn** at 6:44pm

Motion carried 3/0

**Submitted by Juliet Relph, Clerk**