

Boise Renters United Meeting #2
February 11, 2019
Downtown Library, Auditorium 6:30-8:45PM

1. Welcome/Intro
(10 Minutes)
 - a. Goals:
End the night with established Working Groups
 - b. Facilitation Review:
Anthony w/ Intermountain Fair Housing Council to continue facilitation role with the goal that more people will step up to fill in at future meetings - *no objections*
 - c. Review of Agreements:
 - Listen/See
 - One Mic/One Voice
 - Make Space/Take space; i.e. be sure to make space for other's opinions but also take opportunities to share opposing opinions and be heard
 - Be mindful of privilege
 - Trust Intent & Name Impact; each participant should be trusted to have the group's best interest at heart but must also be made aware of the effect his or her statements have on other members of the group
2. Fair Housing Act & Landlord/Tenant Info - Monica w/ Intermountain Fair Housing Council
(15 Minutes)
 - a. Overview of what I.F.H.C does
 - Info can be found here: <http://ifhcidaho.org/>
 - b. What is the Fair Housing Act -
 - The Fair Housing Act protects people from discrimination when they are renting or buying a home, getting a mortgage, seeking housing assistance, or engaging in other housing-related activities. Additional protections apply to federally-assisted housing.
 - c. The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing because of:
 - Race
 - Color
 - National Origin
 - Religion
 - Sex
 - Familial Status
 - Disability
 - d. Types of housing covered by the FHA
 - The Fair Housing Act covers most housing. In very limited circumstances, the Act exempts owner-occupied buildings with no more than four units, single-family houses sold or rented by the owner without the use of an agent, and housing operated by religious organizations and private clubs that limit occupancy to members. https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/fair_housing_act_overview
 - e. Recommendations
 - Get everything in writing and signed!
 - Audio recordings are legal in Idaho as long as you are in the conversation (can be covert)
 - Take pictures/video before moving in, make sure there is some way to date the recordings like emailing them to someone (landlord)
 - f. Q&A
 - How fast is the eviction process in Idaho? (lease violation)
 - If a complaint is filed the tenant has 20 days to respond

- A pre-trial hearing is held where evidence is shown
 - This promotes settlement instead of trial
 - Under normal circumstances there will be a few weeks before the trial
 - Expedited hearings will be held within 5-12 days
 - This include failure to pay and drug cases
 - Local legal support
 - Concordia
 - Idaho Legal Aid
 - What to do if you do not have a lease?
 - Try to find some sort of paper trail to prove an agreement
3. Vision & Platform
(40 Minutes)
- a. Vision - the main thing that is to be accomplished
 - Example from Anthony (I.F.H.C)
 - No Private Property (with subsequent discussion explaining Private vs. Personal Property)
 - No Capitalism 😊
 - Group List
 - Livable spaces without anxiety/fear
 - Universal free housing / housing as a right
 - Resident favoring empowerment and rights
 - Power of people over capital/landlords
 - Human dignity (regard/respect)
 - Systemic/Legal accountability
 - b. Mission - Sets the parameters of vision/end goal
 - Group List
 - Housing Co-ops & Resident Owned Communities!
 - Reduction of barriers to housing
 - Ongoing outreach & community building efforts
 - Formation of Mutual Aid & Solidarity Networks
 - Cap/Limit/Accountability for property management, Developers, etc.
 - Increase diversity/ mixed neighborhoods
 - Hold law makers accountable
 - Protect/create workplace housing and functional communities
 - Affordable living
 - c. Points of Solidarity -how a coalition of groups with a common vision stand together to achieve that goal.
 - Group List
 - Class solidarity
 - Mutual Aid Networks
 - Voluntary Association
 - Deal with internal conflicts internally
 - Believe peoples experiences
 - Intersectionality
4. Leaderful Decentralization / Formation of Working Groups!
- a. The larger group broke up into the following working groups:
 - Facilitation/Logistics WG
 - Mission/Vision WG
 - Outreach & Education WG (includes DSA members)
 - Resource Guide WG (includes DSA members)
 - Rapid Action/Response WG

- b. The working groups discuss how they are to move forward including setting up a meeting for the near future (next couple of weeks)
5. Future Boise Renters United meeting likely to be the **SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH** going forward

Idaho Landlord and Tenant Manual: <https://www.ag.idaho.gov/content/uploads/2018/04/LandlordTenant.pdf>