

**Rent Stabilization Commission  
City of West Hollywood  
Thursday, January 9, 2014 @ 7:00 PM  
West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers  
625 North San Vicente Boulevard**

**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Maggio called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chair Maggio led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover took roll call.

**PRESENT:** Chair Richard Maggio, Vice Chair Agassi Topchian, Commissioner Gail Sanes, Commissioner David Gregoire, and Commissioner Josh Kurpies.

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Human Services and Rent Stabilization Director Elizabeth Savage, Manager of Rent Stabilization and Housing Peter Noonan, Legal Counsel to the Commission Jonathan Holub, Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Topchian and seconded by Commissioner Kurpies to approve the January 9, 2014 meeting agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Gregoire and seconded by Commissioner Sanes to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2013 meeting.

**DIRECTOR'S/MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Manager of Rent Stabilization and Housing, Peter Noonan reviewed the Director's/Manager's Look Ahead calendar. Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization, Elizabeth Savage, provided an update on the Valuation Guidelines Ad Hoc Sub Committee.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** None

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**APPEALS:**

**A. D-3818**

**808 Westmount Dr.  
(Rent Reduction)**

Jonathan Holub, Legal Counsel to the Commission, provided a case summary and analysis of the appeal as provided in the staff report.

Landlord Jason Harrow was in attendance and spoke to the Commission regarding the appeal.

Tenant Daniel Pedersen was in attendance and spoke to the Commission regarding the appeal.

After a public discussion among the Commission regarding the appeal, a motion was made by Chair Maggio to adopt Resolution 14-448 to affirm the Hearing Examiner's decision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gregoire. The motion passed (5-0-0).

**STAFF COMMENTS:** Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization, Elizabeth Savage, spoke regarding the 2014 RSO Building Blocks seminar series and encouraged the public to attend. Ms. Savage answered Commission questions regarding the curriculum.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Chair Maggio adjourned the Rent Stabilization Commission meeting at 7:45 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on January 23, 2014 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were taken and submitted by Laura Schoonover, Commission Secretary. Adopted this 23rd day of January, 2014.

ATTEST:



Richard Maggio, Chair



Secretary