

**Rent Stabilization Commission
City of West Hollywood
Thursday, January 23, 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 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Larry Block 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 Alison Regan, Rent Stabilization Information Coordinator Yellena Orloff, Administrative Specialist Tom Trevor, and Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Commissioner Gregoire and seconded by Commissioner Sanes to approve the January 23, 2014 meeting agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Gregoire and seconded by Commissioner Sanes to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2014 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Shawn Hoffman of the West Hollywood Public Safety Commission spoke regarding emergency preparedness for residents.

Larry Block of West Hollywood spoke regarding affordable housing and rent stabilized units for senior and disabled residents.

DIRECTOR'S/MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager of Rent Stabilization and Housing, Peter Noonan, reviewed the Director's/Managers Look Ahead calendar and spoke of the upcoming Rent Stabilization Ordinance Building Blocks seminar series.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Kurpies thanked the public speakers for their comments. He also affirmed that affordable housing and rent stabilized units are different programs.

APPEALS:

A. D-2673CD2

**1201 N. Crescent Heights #505
(Rent Reduction)**

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

Landlord representative Andrew Serna was in attendance and spoke to the Commission regarding the appeal.

Tenant Tomas Mournian 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 Commissioner Gregoire to adopt Resolution 14-449 to affirm the City's compliance determination decision. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Topchian. The motion passed (5-0-0).

NEW BUSINESS:

Staff presented information to the Commission in English and in Russian regarding the Rent Stabilization Ordinance Building Blocks seminar series, specifically the April 8, 2014 Tenants' 101 Workshop that will be held in Russian.

Vice Chair Topchian requested information regarding the public outreach efforts that have been done.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jerome Boyce of West Hollywood spoke regarding Rent Stabilization Ordinance issues at the Palm View Apartments and the complaint process for tenants.

Shawn Hoffman from the West Hollywood Public Safety Commission provided website information to the Commission and public regarding emergency preparedness (www.cert-la.com).

COMMISSION COMMENTS: None

STAFF COMMENTS:

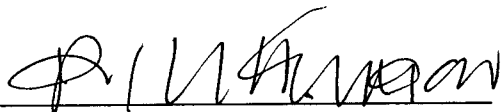
Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization, Elizabeth Savage, made an announcement regarding the Rent Stabilization Division's hours of operation.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chair Maggio adjourned the Rent Stabilization Commission meeting at 7:59 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on February 13, 2014 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were taken and submitted by Laura Schoonover, Commission Secretary. Adopted this 13th day of February, 2014.

ATTEST:



Richard Maggio, Chair

Secretary