

**Rent Stabilization Commission  
City of West Hollywood  
Thursday, April 28, 2016 @ 7:00 PM  
West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers  
625 North San Vicente Boulevard**

**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Sanes called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Commission Secretary Tom Trevor took roll call.

**PRESENT:**

Chair Gail Sanes, Vice Chair Richard Maggio, Commissioner Stephanie Harker, Commissioner Rob Bergstein, Commissioner David Gregoire, and Commissioner Josh Kurpies.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Alexander Gurfinkel

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan, Rent Stabilization Information Coordinator Gloria Aviles, Legal Counsel to the Commission Alison Regan, and Commission Secretary Tom Trevor.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Maggio to approve the agenda for the April 28, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kurpies. The motion was approved (6-0-0).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Harker proposed an amendment to the minutes of the April 14, 2016 meeting. The amended minutes will be brought back to the Commission at the May 12 meeting.

At this time Commissioner Gurfinkel arrived.

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

Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan reviewed the items on the Look Ahead calendar.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Gurfinkel asked when a presentation on community outreach would be taking place. Mr. Noonan responded that it could be added to the May 12 meeting.

Commissioner Maggio spoke about his attendance at a recent Russian Advisory Board meeting.

Commissioner Gregoire spoke regarding the April 12 presentation on Affordable Housing and thanked staff for bringing it to the Commission.

Commissioner Bergstein asked staff to review the possibility of holding a future Commission meeting at Plummer Park. Vice Chair Maggio commented that since the meetings are televised it would be difficult to televise from Plummer Park.

Commissioner Kurpies announced that he will likely be absent from the May 26 meeting.

## **APPEALS:**

A. D-4078

950 Larrabee St.  
(Rent Reduction)

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

Landlord representative J.L. Jacobson was in attendance and spoke to the Commission regarding the appeal.

Tenant Thomas Barkley, Jr. was in attendance and spoke to the Commission regarding the appeal.

The Commission held a lengthy discussion reviewing each of the items under appeal. As a result Commissioner Gregoire made a motion that the hearing examiner's decision be upheld in part, reversed in part, and modified in part. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bergstein. The motion passed (7-0-0). The amended Resolution will be presented to the Commission at the May 12 meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Things to Know - Aging Housing Stock:

Rent Stabilization Information Coordinator Gloria Aviles presented the Commission with a report on the Multi-Family Residential Rehabilitation Study. After the presentation Ms. Aviles and Mr. Noonan took questions from the Commission.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Harker encouraged the public to attend the May 10 RSO Building Blocks seminar entitled Landlord Basics 101.

Commissioner Maggio reiterated his comments from the April 14 meeting that notices could be mailed to landlords regarding the importance of re-registering a unit after a vacancy and that these notices should be mailed separate from the semi-annual landlord newsletter.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan spoke regarding the RSO Building Blocks seminar on water conservation that was held on April 19.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on May 12, 2016 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were submitted by Laura Schoonover, Commission Secretary and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 12th day of May, 2016.

A copy of the audio recording of this meeting can be obtained from the City Clerk's office upon request. You may also view a video of this meeting at <http://www.weho.org/weho-tv/other-city-meetings>  
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Gail Sanes, Chair

  
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Commission Secretary