

**Rent Stabilization Commission  
City of West Hollywood  
Thursday, December 8, 2016 @ 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:** Commissioner Kurpies led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**PRESENT:** Chair Richard Maggio, Vice Chair David Gregoire, Commissioner Rob Bergstein, Commissioner Josh Kurpies, Commissioner Gail Sanes, Commissioner Stephanie Harker, and Commissioner Alexander Gurfinkel

**ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanes to approve the agenda for the December 8, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Gregoire. The motion was approved (7-0-0).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bergstein to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harker. The motion was approved (6-0-1) with Commissioner Gurfinkel abstaining.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Charis Michelsen of West Hollywood commented on a tenant harassment case filed with the City.

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

Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan reviewed the Look Ahead Calendar.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

There were no commissioner comments.

**APPEALS:**

A. D-4146

524 N. San Vicente Blvd.  
(MAR)

This appeal was withdrawn by the landlord.

B. D-4150

923 Hilldale Avenue  
(MAR)

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

No representative for the Landlord was in attendance.

No representative for the Tenant was in attendance.

After the commission deliberated, a motion was made by Chair Maggio to affirm the hearing examiner's decision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanes. The motion passed (7-0-0).

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Manager Peter Noonan provided a report on the results of the Study Session held on November 10, 2016. Commissioner Bergstein recommended that the topic of owner-occupancy evictions include information about terminally ill residents. A motion was made by Commissioner Gurfinkel to accept and file the report. Vice Chair Gregoire motioned to approve the report with Commissioner's Bergstein's amendment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gurfunkel. The motion passed (7-0-0).

Chair Maggio initiated discussion regarding adding single-topic 30-minute study sessions to Commission meetings at which no appeals are being heard. Commissioners proceeded to discuss ideas on how to best implement these brief sessions at future meetings.

- B. Rent Stabilization Information Coordinator Chris Uszler provided a summary of the 2016 RSO Building Blocks Education Program and 2017 Curriculum.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no public comments.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Gurfinkel encouraged the community to reach out to Rent Stabilization staff, elected officials, or the Rent Stabilization Commission to address any issues they may need addressed.

Vice Chair Gregoire wished happy holidays to everyone.

Commissioner Kurpies asked to adjourn the meeting in memory of victims of the Oakland Ghost Ship Fire.

Commissioner Bergstein drew the Commissioners' attention to articles he included in their mail folders from the Wall Street Journal regarding rent stabilization and property values and the Apartment Owner's Association magazine regarding other cities that are proposing rent stabilization ordinances as well as the issue of therapy pets.

Commissioner Harker thanked the public speaker for attending.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

There were no staff comments.

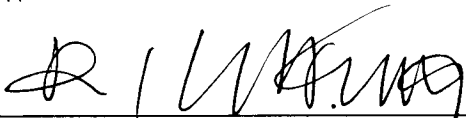
**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on January 12, 2017 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were submitted by Tom Trevor, Commission Secretary and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

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ATTEST:



Richard Maggio, Chair



Commission Secretary