

**Rent Stabilization Commission
City of West Hollywood
Thursday, June 8, 2017 @ 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 7:14 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Topchian led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover took roll call.

PRESENT: Chair Richard Maggio, Vice Chair David Gregoire, Commissioner Robert Bergstein, Commissioner Agassi Topchian, Commissioner Garrett Charity, Commissioner Buckles

ABSENT: Commissioner Josh Kurpies

STAFF PRESENT: Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan, Legal Counsel Alison Regan, Information Coordinator Gloria Aviles, Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Commissioner Bergstein to approve the agenda for the June 8, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Gregoire. The motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Bergstein to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Gregoire. The motion was approved.

OATH OF OFFICE:

The Oath of Office was administered to Commissioners Topchian, Buckles, and Charity prior to the Call to Order.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

DIRECTOR'S/MANAGER'S REPORT:

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bergstein thanked former Commissioner Alexander Gurfinkel for his service on the Commission and welcomed the new Commissioners.

Vice Chair Gregoire thanked former Commissioners Alexander Gurfinkel, Stephanie Harker, and Gail Sanes for their service on the Commission.

Chair Maggio thanked former Commissioner Alexander Gurfinkel for his service on the Commission and welcomed the new Commissioners.

Commissioner Buckles expressed her thanks and said she was looking forward to getting to know the Commissioners personally and professionally.

Commissioner Charity thanked the Commissioners for their welcome and looked forward to working on the Commission.

Commissioner Topchian thanked the Commissioners for their welcome and thanked Councilmember Meister for his appointment.

APPEALS:

D-4186

1015 N. Doheny Dr. #12

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

Landlord representative Tracy Taylor spoke regarding the appeal.

Following Commission deliberation, a motion was made by Vice Chair Gregoire to adopt Resolution 17-507, affirming the hearing examiner's decision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charity. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Information Coordinator Gloria Aviles presented on Emergency Preparedness for Apartment Dwellers. More information on the topic is included in RSO Building Blocks seminars.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bergstein commented on the Commission's purview.

Commissioner Charity mentioned City Council Member comments at the June 5, 2017 meeting on potentially expanding the Commission's purview to include housing or to possibly create a new commission.

Vice Chair Gregoire initiated a discussion to reschedule the start time of the June 22 Commission meeting from 7 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. to allow Commissioners to attend the APA

award presentation. The Commission decided to hold a special meeting on June 22, at 5:30 p.m. to announce the upcoming Annual General Adjustment (AGA).

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m. A special meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held at 5:00 p.m. on June 22, 2017 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers to announce the Annual General Adjustment.

These minutes were submitted by Laura Schoonover, Commission Secretary and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 22nd day of June, 2017.

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ATTEST:



Richard Maggio, Chair



Commission Secretary