

**Rent Stabilization Commission  
City of West Hollywood  
Thursday, July 13, 2017 @ 7:00 PM  
West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers  
625 North San Vicente Boulevard**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Maggio called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 David Gregoire, Commissioner Garrett Charity, Commissioner Margaret Buckles, Commissioner Robert Bergstein, Commissioner Agassi Topchian, Commissioner Josh Kurpies

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan, Legal Counsel Alison Regan, Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Topchian to approve the agenda for the July 13, 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 June 22, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Gregoire. The motion was approved with Commissioner Kurpies and Commissioner Topchian abstaining.

**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:**

None

**APPEALS:**

D-4165CD1

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

Landlord representative Craig Mordoh spoke regarding the appeal.

Tenant Steven Solomon spoke regarding the appeal.

Following Commission deliberation, a motion was made by Commissioner Kurpies to adopt Resolution 17-508, affirming the hearing examiner's decision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Topchian. The motion was approved with Commissioner Bergstein and Chair Maggio voting no.

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

Tenants Romika Dombrowski and Felipe Osorio spoke regarding the appeal.

Landlord representative Derrick Anderson spoke regarding the appeal.

Following the tenant showing proof that they were out of the country and unable to respond to the Work Performed notice in a timely manner, a motion was made by Vice Chair Gregoire to adopt Resolution 17-509, affirming the hearing examiner's decision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bergstein. The motion was approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Reorganization of the Chair and Vice Chair:

a. Election of Chair

Chair Maggio asked for nominations for the position of Chair.

The following nominations were submitted and a roll call vote was taken:

Commissioner Kurpies - 4

Vice Chair Gregoire - 3

Commissioner Kurpies was elected Chair.

b. Election of Vice Chair

Chair Kurpies asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chair. The following nominations were submitted and a roll call vote was taken:

Commissioner Bergstein - 4

Commissioner Charity - 3

Commissioner Bergstein was elected Vice Chair

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Maggio spoke regarding his term as Chair. He thanked the Commission and staff for their support.

Commissioner Buckles expressed her opinion about various aspects of the hearing and appeal process that could be improved upon.

Commissioner Bergstein thanked Rent Stabilization Manager Peter Noonan for organizing the Commissioners attendance to the American Planning Association Los Angeles Awards Gala that was held on June 22, 2017.

He also spoke regarding the development project at 8500 Sunset.

Commissioner Maggio spoke regarding items of interest from the recent Tenant and Landlord newsletters, including the Annual General Adjustment, the updated relocation fees, and the increase of the pass-through fee.

He thanked Commissioner Gregoire for his service as Vice Chair.

Commissioner Gregoire thanked Commissioner Maggio for his service as Chair

Commissioner Topchian congratulated Chair Kurpies and Vice Chair Bergstein on their respective appointments and he thanked Commissioners Maggio and Gregoire for their service.

Commissioner Charity thanked Commissioners Maggio and Gregoire for their service. He also congratulated Chair Kurpies and Vice Chair Bergstein on their respective appointments

Chair Kurpies thanked Commissioners Maggio and Gregoire for their service. He also welcomed Commissioners Charity and Buckles to the Commission and welcomed back Commissioner Topchian.

He went on to announce the upcoming Community Open House being held by Assembly Member Richard Bloom

## **STAFF COMMENTS:**

Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan congratulated Chair Kurpies and Vice Chair Bergstein on their respective appointments. He spoke regarding the American Planning Association Los Angeles Awards Gala that was held on June 22, 2017.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. on July 27, 2017 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 27th day of July, 2017.

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ATTEST:



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Josh Kurples, Chair



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Commission Secretary