

**Rent Stabilization Commission  
City of West Hollywood  
Thursday, February 28, 2019, 2019 @ 7:00 PM  
West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers  
625 North San Vicente Boulevard**

**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Charity called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Commission Secretary Celeste Barrino took roll call.

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Josh Kurpies, Commissioner Rob Bergstein, Chair Garrett Charity, Commissioner Agassi Topchian, Commissioner Richard Maggio, Commissioner Karen O'Keefe, Commissioner Kellan Martz

**ABSENT:** There were no absences.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan, Legal Counsel Alison Regan, Commission Secretary Celeste Barrino.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Commissioner Topchian to approve the agenda for the February 28, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Kurpies seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Commissioner Bergstein to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Maggio. The motion was approved with Commissioners O'Keefe and Martz abstaining.

**OATH OF OFFICE:**

Kellan Martz was sworn in by Yvonne Quarker, the City Clerk

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Ted Green, West Hollywood spoke about the one year lease Zone Text Amendment.

Steve Martin, West Hollywood spoke on the Arts Club Project Referendum.

**DIRECTOR'S/MANAGER'S REPORT:** Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan reviewed the Look Ahead calendar.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** Commissioner Topchian asked about the items on the Priorities list. Peter Noonan, Housing Manager replied that they will continue to agendize items.

Commissioner Charity and Commissioner Maggio welcomed Commissioner Kellan Martz to the Commission. Commissioner Maggio asked if the Commission would consider a discussion of rotating the Chair.

Commissioner Martz introduced himself and he looks forward to serving on the Commission.

**APPEAL:**

D-4366

7530 Hampton Ave #203

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

Yuriy Shamayev, West Hollywood, Tenant spoke on the Appeal

Following Commission deliberation, a motion was made by Commissioner Charity to adopt Resolution 19-542, D-4366 affirming the hearing examiner's decision and waiving the six month waiting period for filing a new decrease application on the issue of the parking/housing service. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-1-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Election of Vice Chair

Chair Charity 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 Topchian – 3

Commissioner Bergstein was elected Vice Chair.

B. Designation of a Delegate to provide input on Social Services Priorities

Social Services Manager David Giugni gave a brief summary and background on the upcoming Human Services Commission meeting on Social Services priorities that will take place on March 12, 2019. He asked the Commission to designate the Chair or alternate to represent the Rent Stabilization Commission at the meeting. Commissioner Charity will attend the meeting and Commissioner Bergstein will be available as an alternate.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** Commissioner Maggio suggested the Commission revisit the list of liaisons representing the RSC at other commission meetings. He mentioned that he attended the Public Facilities meeting. He also announced that the City has approved an Arbor Day Celebration at Laurel Park which will be held on April 27, 2019

Commissioner Bergstein mentioned that he attended the Candidates forum. He also mentioned the City is offering free motion detector lights and a one hundred dollar rebate if you purchase the Ring doorbell.

Commissioner Kurpies said he had attended the recent Building Blocks educational series and was pleased by the organization of the workshop.  
Commissioner O'Keefe asked about one year leases and the NOI process.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No public comment

**STAFF COMMENTS:** Peter Noonan, spoke on tenant unit transfers. He reported that a study was conducted and the findings showed that tenants successfully navigated through the legal system to receive a unit transfer under the Fair Housing Act.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. on March 14, 2019 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were submitted by Celeste Barrino, Commission Secretary, and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 14th day of March 2019.

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Garrett Charity, Chair

  
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Commission Secretary