

**Rent Stabilization Commission  
City of West Hollywood  
Thursday, May 9, 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 7:01 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:** No absences

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Commissioner Maggio to approve the agenda for the May 9, 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 April 25, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charity.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments

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

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** Commissioner Bergstein asked how many rent stabilized units are in the City of West Hollywood. Housing Manager Peter Noonan replied that there are close to seventeen thousand rent stabilized units in West Hollywood.

Commissioner Maggio mentioned that he attended the Public Facilities Commission meeting.

Commissioner Agassi Topchian arrived.

**APPEAL:**

D-4389

1155 Hacienda PL. #107

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

Scott Brody, Landlord Representative spoke on the appeal

Dawn Robinson, Tenant West Hollywood spoke on the appeal

Following Commission deliberation, a motion was made by Commissioner Kurpies to adopt Resolution 19-551, affirming the hearing examiner's decision in D-4389. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Topchian. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-3-0.

**APPEAL:**

D-4397

1007 N. Laurel Ave #9

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

Brie Eley Tenant West Hollywood spoke on the appeal

Following Commission deliberation, a motion was made by Commissioner Maggio to adopt Resolution 19-550, affirming the hearing examiner's decision in D-4397. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martz. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** Commissioner Kurpies mentioned that he attended the Victory Day in Europe Ceremony.

Commissioner Maggio announced that the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Russian Arts & Cultural Festival will take place on May 19, 2019.

Commissioner Topchian also mentioned the Annual Russian Arts & Cultural Festival and encouraged everyone to attend.

Commissioner O'Keefe pointed out that Bike to Work Day will take place on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Martz spoke about Council looking into making changes to the housing in lieu fee for affordable housing units. He also informed the Commission that Council opposed the SB 50 Bill that may affect how zoning and planning laws are handled by the state versus local jurisdiction. He also reported that LA Pride has expanded by adding more streets to this year's parade.

**STAFF COMMENTS:** Housing Manager Peter Noonan mentioned that he is working with Code Enforcement on the Non Smoking Ordinance. He also indicated that the Zone Text Amendment request made by the Commission was given to the sub-committee to review and the item will go to Council in June.

Commissioner Bergstein asked if the relocation fees for non- rent stabilized units passed.

Housing Manager Peter Noonan replied that the relocation fees will be requiring further review. He also spoke about the upcoming training workshops for Landlords regarding the new database for online re-registrations.

Commissioner Topchian asked if the Commission will be able to review the Non Smoking Ordinance before it goes to Council. Housing Manager Peter Noonan replied that he will bring forward the Commission's concerns to Council.

Commissioner O'Keefe asked if the Zone Text Amendment request went directly to Council. Legal Counsel Alison Regan replied that she sent the request to the City Clerk, and the executive team determined it would go to the Sub-committee for review.

Commissioner Charity expressed his concerns about the RSC role on housing policies.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. on May 23, 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 23rd day of May 2019.

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Garrett Charity, Chair

  
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Commission Secretary