

**Rent Stabilization Commission
City of West Hollywood
Thursday, June 13, 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 Kellan Martz

ABSENT: Karen O'Keefe (pending re-appointment)

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 Topchian to approve the agenda for the June 13, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Kurpies seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner Martz to approve the minutes as amended of the May 23, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bergstein. The motion was approved with Commissioner Kurpies abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comment

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Bergstein informed the Commission that the smoke free housing ordinance will go before the City Council on June 17, 2019 and he encouraged everyone to attend the meeting. He also mentioned that the National Council for Jewish Women offers a grant that can assist residents that are having trouble paying their rent.

APPEAL:

D-4287cd2

969 Larrabee St. Unit 1

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

Following Commission deliberation, a motion was made by Commissioner Maggio to adopt Resolution 19-555, modifying the hearing examiner's decision to partially restore the rent reduction to \$20 in D-4287cd2. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Topchian. The motion was not approved by a vote of 2-4-0. A motion was made by Commissioner Charity to modify the hearing examiner's decision to partially restore the rent reduction to \$14 and seconded by Commissioner Martz. The motion was not approved with a vote of 3-3-0. A final motion was made by Commissioner Kurpies modifying the hearing examiner's decision to partially restore the rent reduction to \$10 in D-4287cd2. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charity. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comment

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Maggio mentioned that he attended the Rainbow Key Awards.

Commissioner Topchian commented about Los Angeles County rent control ordinance that was extended. The ordinance does not allow landlord's to raise the rent on some units no more than 3 percent.

Commissioner Martz asked about moving the study session to a later date.

Commissioner Bergstein asked if items from the priorities list can be discussed at the July 25th meeting.

After further discussion the Commission voted by consensus to cancel the July 25th meeting due to a lack of quorum.

Commissioner Charity thanked the Commission for allowing him to serve as Chair.

Commissioner Maggio thanked Commissioner Charity for his service as Chair.

STAFF COMMENTS: Rent Stabilization & Housing Manager Peter Noonan stated that he does not have any information on the Los Angeles County rent control ordinance. He also mentioned that the smoke free housing ordinance will go before Council on June 17, 2019.

Legal Counsel informed the Commission that longtime Hearing Examiner Judy Sherman is retiring and will be honored by the City Council in July. She also mentioned that the City of Inglewood recently passed an ordinance implementing limits on rent increases.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:00.p.m the next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. on June 27, 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 27th day of June 2019.

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ATTEST:



Garrett Charity, Chair



Commission Secretary