

**RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM- COUNCIL CHAMBERS
625 NORTH SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Bergstein called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Commission said the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Pete Noonan took roll call.

PRESENT: Commissioner Josh Kurpies, Commissioner Richard Maggio, Commissioner Kellan Martz, Commissioner Garrett Charity, Vice Chair Agassi Topchian, Chair Robert Bergstein.

ABSENT: Commissioner Karen O'Keefe.

STAFF PRESENT: Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Pete Noonan, Legal Counsel to the Commission Alison Regan and Commission Secretary Michele Pashayi.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Commissioner Maggio to approve the agenda for the November 14, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charity. The motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner Maggio to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charity. The motion was approved.

Commissioner Kurpies requested future minutes reflect the names of the Commissioners who vote no on an agenda item.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

MANAGER REPORT: Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Pete Noonan reviewed the Look Ahead Calendar. The next meeting on December 12th has one appeal scheduled and includes an update on the new on-line registry and other improvements to Rent Stabilization customer service.

The City of West Hollywood's Vision 2050 Plan on-line survey is available at www.weho.org/vision2050. All are invited to participate.

The Council Staff Report regarding Proactive Code Enforcement is provided for information and awareness of Council direction. On September 23, 2019 Council directed staff to develop a proposal to bring before Commission to gather comments prior to returning to Council for consideration on creating a Proactive Code Enforcement Program.

Commissioner Kurpies asked if the City's Low and Moderate Income Rental Housing List is open. Mr. Noonan verified there is an on-line Interest List that is open and available at www.weho.org/housing. Commissioner Kurpies questioned eligible income levels at the time of application. Mr. Noonan clarified the income requirements need to be met at the time of application.

Commissioner Topchian asked if there will be a staff presentation or discussion to the Commission on the Proactive Code Enforcement item. Mr. Noonan envisioned staff will present information and documentation to review and take Commission comments.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Commissioner Maggio attended as the liaison to the Public Facilities Commission giving his regular presentation on the Importance of Rent Stabilization. He shared information on the proposed operations of a potential pilot testing program for Personal Delivery Devices (PDD).

Chair Bergstein met with Code Compliance Manager Danny Rivas on the status of a routine inspection of exterior and common areas and Smoke-Free Housing. Chair Bergstein attended the City's Human Services Commission Meeting on Tuesday and the Public Facilities Commission on Wednesday speaking about the smoke-free housing ordinance. He spoke with Santa Monica's Executive Director Tracy Condon on enforcement of their smoke-free housing policy and is attempting to contact Logan Phillippo with the City of Beverly Hills and the City of Berkeley's Rent Control Department. He will report his findings at the next meeting.

Chair Bergstein commented on the opening of the City's Rental Housing Interest List, the application is available at www.weho.org/housing. He reported attending the City's Seismic Retrofit Resource Fair on November 2nd at Plummer Park. He encouraged landlords and tenants to visit the City's website at www.weho.org/seismic for more information and to sign up for the email list to receive the latest information on the Retrofit Program.

APPEAL:

D-4451 1009 North Sweetzer Ave., #14 (affirm)

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

Steven A. Simons, Law Offices of Steven A. Simons, attorney for appellant, Nicole De Santo, spoke on the appeal.

Following deliberation, a motion was made by Vice Chair Topchian to adopt Resolution RSC 19-564 affirming the hearing examiner's decision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Maggio. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: There were no commissioner comments.

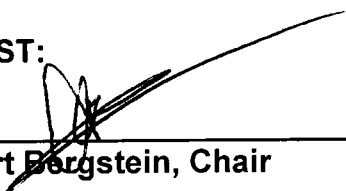
STAFF COMMENTS: There were no staff comments.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. on December 12, 2019 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were submitted by Michele Pashayi, Commission Secretary, and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 12th day of December 2019.

A copy of the audio recording of this meeting can be obtained from the City Clerk's office upon request. You may also view a video of this meeting at <http://www.weho.org/weho-tv/other-city-meetings>

ATTEST:



Robert Bergstein, Chair



Michele Pashayi, Commission Secretary