Rent Stabilization Commission City of West Hollywood Thursday, May 10, 2012 @ 7:00 PM West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers 625 North San Vicente Boulevard

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Sanes called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Topchian led the Pledge.

ROLL CALL: Commission Secretary Eva Wieland took roll call.

PRESENT: Commissioners Chuck Henry, Vice Chair David Gregoire, and Chair Gail Sanes

ABSENT: Commissioner Eric Thompson and Agassi Topchian

STAFF PRESENT: Acting RSH Director Elizabeth Savage, Legal Counsel Alison Regan, Commission Secretary Eva Wieland, and Former Commission Secretary Deborah Meadows.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion made by Vice Chair Gregoire and seconded by Commissioner Henry to approve the May 10, 2012 meeting agenda. Motion approved by consensus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Commissioner Henry and seconded by Vice Chair Gregoire to approve the April 26, 2012 meeting minutes. Motion approved by consensus.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Acting RSH Director Elizabeth Savage spoke on behalf of Commissioner Topchian regarding the upcoming 11th Annual Russian Cultural Festival and Awards Presentation. The Festival will take place at Plummer Park in West Hollywood on Sunday, May 20, 2012 from 11a.m. to 6p.m.

The Commissioners expressed their gratitude for the professionalism and service provided by Commission Secretary, Deborah Meadows, who accepted a new position with the City of West Hollywood.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: None

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APPEALS:

a. D-3647

813 Westmount Drive, #4 (Maximum Allowable Rent)

Alison Regan, Legal Counsel, provided a case summary and analysis of the appeal as provided in the staff report. Staff recommended that the Commission deny the appeal and affirm the hearing examiner's decision.

The Commission had received a written argument from Igor Korbatov. At the meeting, they heard from tenant, Tamra Martin. After hearing from her, Chair Sanes closed the oral argument portion of the hearing.

After a public discussion among the Commission regarding the appeal, a motion was made by Commissioner Henry to adopt Resolution 12-405. The resolution affirms the hearing examiner's decision in D-3647. Vice Chair Gregoire seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed (3-0-0).

NEW BUSINESS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

CHAIR'S REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMISSION COMMENTS: None

STAFF COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chair Sanes adjourned the Rent Stabilization Commission meeting at 7:18 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on June 28, 2012 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were taken and submitted by Eva Wieland, Commission Secretary.

Adopted this 28th day of June 2012

ATTEST:

H. Gail Sanes, Chair