Rent Stabilization Commission City of West Hollywood Thursday, May 9, 2013 @ 7:00 PM West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers 625 North San Vicente Boulevard

Minutes

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Gregoire led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover took roll call.

PRESENT: Chair David Gregoire, Commissioner Richard Maggio, Commissioner H. Gail

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ABSENT: Vice Chair Charles Henry and Commissioner Agassi Topchian

STAFF PRESENT: Director Elizabeth Savage, Legal Services Manager Christof Schroeder, Acting Manager of Rent Stabilization and Housing Anwar Zraikat, Legal Counsel Alison Regan and Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Commissioner Maggio and seconded by Commissioner Sanes to approve the May 9, 2013 meeting agenda. Motion approved (3-0-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanes and seconded by Commissioner Maggio to approve the April 11, 2013 minutes. Motion approved (3-0-0)

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Elizabeth Savage announced the 12th Annual Russian Style Festival which will be held on Sunday May 19th. Ms. Savage introduced the new West Hollywood Sheriff Captain, Gary Honings, who addressed the Commission regarding his enthusiasm for returning to the West Hollywood Sheriff department.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: None

APPEALS:

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

The Commission heard from tenant Darick Hendrix

The Commission heard from landlord representative Tyler Reichwald.

After a public discussion among the Commission regarding the appeal, a motion was made by Commissioner Maggio to adopt Resolution 13-424, reversing the Department's decision as to items (3) and (8) in the Compliance Determination of March 20, 2013 and remanding for further review those items in light of the tenant's response. Commissioner Sanes seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed (3-0-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Director Elizabeth Savage introduced Legal Services Manager Christof Schroeder to discuss the Hearings and Remedies draft brochure. Mr. Schroeder gave a detailed description of the hearings process and how the brochure will be helpful to constituents. Ms. Savage answered questions from the Commission and then introduced Acting Manager Anwar Zraikat to address Commission questions regarding the brochure and how Code Compliance interacts with the hearings process.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CHAIR'S REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Maggio commented on the need for more public understanding of how Code Compliance enforcement works and his desire for the Commission to discuss it in more detail in the future.

Chair Gregoire encouraged the public to attend the Russian Style Festival on Sunday May 19th from 5pm to 7pm. He also announced the May 15th Russian Advisory Board Award Ceremony.

STAFF COMMENTS: Nor

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chair Gregoire adjourned the Rent Stabilization Commission meeting at 7:49 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on May 23, 2013 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were taken and submitted by Laura Schoonover, Commission Secretary.

Adopted this 13th day June, 2013

	ATTEST:	
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David Gregoire, Chair	Secretary	