

**Rent Stabilization Commission
City of West Hollywood
Thursday, March 28, 2013 @ 7:00 PM
West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers
625 North San Vicente Boulevard**

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Henry called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vice Chair Henry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover took roll call.

PRESENT: Vice Chair Chuck Henry, Commissioner Richard Maggio, Commissioner H. Gail Sanes, and Commissioner Agassi Topchian

ABSENT: Chair David Gregoire

STAFF PRESENT: Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization Elizabeth Savage, Legal Counsel Alison Regan and Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Commissioner Maggio and seconded by Commissioner Topchian to approve the March 28, 2013 meeting agenda. Motion approved (4-0-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Topchian and seconded by Commissioner Maggio to approve the February 14, 2013 minutes as amended by Commissioner Sanes, adjusting the adjournment date from February 28, 2013 to March 28, 2013. Motion approved (4-0-0). Subsequent review by staff showed that the original minutes with an adjourned to date of February 28, 2013 were correct and no formal amendment was filed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization Elizabeth Savage reviewed the Directors/Manager's Look Ahead Schedule. Ms. Savage spoke of the Russian literature that is available on the Rent Stabilization and Housing section of the City's website.

Ms. Savage spoke regarding the upcoming City Budget Workshop and the Housing Element Update Community Conversation.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Vice Chair Henry offered his congratulations to Elizabeth Savage on her recent promotion to Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization.

Commissioner Maggio inquired about the City Budget Workshop and offered his congratulations to Ms. Savage.

Commission Topchian offered his congratulations to Ms. Savage.

Commissioner Sanes offered her congratulations to Ms. Savage.

APPEALS:

A. D-3749

**8440 Fountain Ave., 204
(Rent Decrease)**

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

No representative for the Tenant was present.

No representative for the Landlord was present.

After a public discussion among the Commission regarding the appeal, a motion was made by Commissioner Topchian to adopt Resolution 13-421 to affirm the hearing examiner's decision in case D-3749. Vice Chair Henry seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken. The motion failed (2-2-0). Staff attorney Alison Regan informed the Commission that the hearing examiner's decision will stand.

NEW BUSINESS: Update to the General Plans Housing Element – Ms. Savage spoke to the Commission about the upcoming Community Conversation regarding the Housing Element. She encouraged the public to attend to offer their input and if unable to attend to contact Interim Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Roderick Burnley.

Commissioner Maggio asked Ms. Savage how many harassment cases have been filed during calendar year 2012 -2013. Ms. Savage offered to provide that information to the Commission at the next meeting.

Vice Chair Henry suggested that further conversation on the subject of harassment cases should be continued to a meeting where the subject has been agendaized.

CHAIR'S REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMISSION COMMENTS: None


STAFF COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Vice Chair Henry adjourned the Rent Stabilization Commission meeting at 7:47 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on April 11, 2013 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

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

Adopted this 11th day April, 2013



David Gregoire, Chair

ATTEST:



Secretary