

**Rent Stabilization Commission
City of West Hollywood
Thursday, February 14, 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 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Gregoire led the Pledge.

ROLL CALL: Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover took roll call.

PRESENT: Chair David Gregoire, Vice Chair Chuck Henry, Commissioner Richard Maggio, Commissioner H. Gail Sanes. Commissioner Agassi Topchian arrived at 7:04pm

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Interim 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 Vice Chair Henry and seconded by Commissioner Maggio to approve the February 14, 2013 meeting agenda. Motion approved (4-0-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Commissioner Sanes to approve the January 24, 2013 meeting minutes. Motion approved (3-0-1) noting that Vice Chair Henry was not in attendance for the January 24, 2013 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Interim Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization Elizabeth Savage spoke of the Rent Stabilization RSO Building Blocks seminars which are taking place in February and of the outreach efforts the City is doing through newspaper ads, flyers and the City's website.

Ms. Savage, spoke of the Social Services Community Needs Assessment project that will be taking place through March 14, 2013. Surveys will be available at the Community

Needs Assessment meeting for anyone interested in participating. The Community Needs Assessment meeting will be at Plummer Park on March 14, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Savage reminded constituents that the election will be held on March 5, 2013 and that the deadline to register to vote is February 19th.

Commission Maggio asked if Ms. Savage had received any calls from constituents regarding the Rental Fee Rebate. Ms. Savage stated that she had not.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: None

APPEALS:

**A. D-3745 1123 N Larrabee Street
(MAR)**

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

The Commission heard from the tenant, Molly Lancaster.

The Commission heard from the landlord representative, Sandra Clark.

After a public discussion among the Commission regarding the appeal, a motion was made by Vice Chair Henry to adopt Resolution 13-419 to affirm the hearing examiner's decision in case D-3745. Commissioner Topchian seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed (5-0-0).

NEW BUSINESS: PROGRESS REPORT ON THE "SUGGESTED PRIORITIES" FOR 2012-2013 RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION – Ms. Savage offered to the Commission a progress report on the "Suggested Priorities" work plan that had been approved by the Commission in August 2012.

Commissioner Maggio asked Ms. Savage about the City's Social Media Policy and whether that policy will be a part of future Study Sessions. Ms. Savage responded that the topic had been covered by City Attorney Mike Jenkins during the recent Annual Congress and staff was providing the information to the Commissioners for their notebooks.

Commissioner Maggio also asked for clarification on the Rent Stabilization Commission's meeting scheduled for the month of March. This was provided by Ms. Savage.

CHAIR'S REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Commissioner Maggio offered to all his wishes for a Happy Valentine's Day

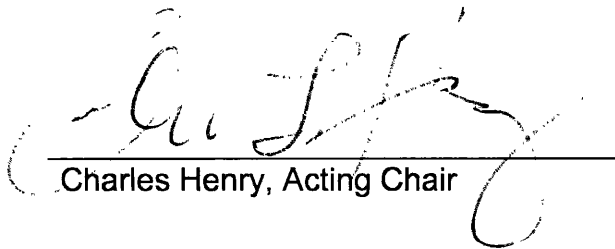
STAFF COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chair Gregoire adjourned the Rent Stabilization Commission meeting at 7:45 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on February 28, 2013 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

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

Adopted this 28th day of March, 2013



Charles Henry, Acting Chair

ATTEST:



Secretary