# Rent Stabilization Commission City of West Hollywood Thursday, January 24, 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 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Gregoire led the Pledge.

ROLL CALL: Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover took roll call.

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

Sanes, and Commissioner Agassi Topchian

**ABSENT:** Vice Chair Chuck Henry

**STAFF PRESENT:** Rent Stabilization & Housing Manager Elizabeth Savage, Legal Counsel Alison Regan and Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion made by Commissioner Maggio and seconded by Commissioner Sanes to approve the January 24, 2013 meeting agenda. Motion approved by consensus

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Commissioner Topchian and seconded by Commissioner Sanes to approve the January 10, 2013 meeting minutes. Motion approved by consensus

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** JIM CHUD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding being the liaison between the Rent Stabilization Commission and the Disability Advisory Board.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager, Elizabeth Savage, spoke of the Social Services Community Needs Assessment project that will be taking place through March 14, 2013, surveys that will be available for anyone interested in participating and the Community Needs Assessment meeting at Plummer Park, March 14, 2013 at 6:30 p.m..

Ms. Savage also spoke of the Rent Stabilization RSO Building Blocks seminars which will be taking place in February.

Ms. Savage announced that the Rent Stabilization Tenant Newsletter has been translated into Russian as will all future tenant newsletters.

Ms. Savage gave an update on the Registration Fee Rebate program and encouraged tenants to call Rent Stabilization if they had any questions about the program

Commission Maggio asked if Ms. Savage had received any calls from constituents since it was announced at the last meeting that they could contact her and he also announced the Rent Stabilization contact information for any tenants that may still have questions.

Commissioner Topchian thanked Ms. Savage and the Rent Stabilization staff for the Russian translation of the newsletter.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** Commissioner Maggio asked if any appeals to the Rent Stabilization Commission had recently been received. Secretary Schoonover stated that one appeal had been received and should be on the agenda for the February 28, 2013 meeting, pending review of any deadline information.

## **APPEALS:**

### A. D-3688R

1031 N. Harper Ave. #9 (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 landlord was in attendance.

The Commission heard from the tenant, Habibullah Enayatzoi.

After a public discussion among the Commission regarding the appeal, a motion was made by Commissioner Maggio to adopt Resolution 13-420 to affirm the hearing examiner's decision in case D-3688R. Commissioner Topchian seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed (4-0-0).

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

CHAIR'S REPORT: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: None** 

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** None

**STAFF COMMENTS: None** 

# **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Chair Gregoire adjourned the Rent Stabilization Commission meeting at 7:31 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on February 14, 2013 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

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

Adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013

ATTEST:

David Gregoire, Chair

Secretary