

**Rent Stabilization Commission
City of West Hollywood
Thursday, January 10, 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, 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 Sanes and seconded by Commissioner Maggio to approve the January 10, 2013 meeting agenda. Motion approved by consensus

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Commissioner Maggio and seconded by Commissioner Sanes to approve the December 13, 2012 meeting minutes. Motion approved by consensus

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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. Ms. Savage invited Commissioners to attend the March 14, 2013 Community Needs Assessment meeting at Plummer Park.

Ms. Savage also spoke of the Rent Stabilization newsletter that was recently mailed which included information on the RSO Building Blocks seminar series. Ms. Savage stated that the newsletter was in the process of being translated into Russian for the first time.

Ms. Savage announced that in 2012 the Rent Stabilization phone and counter contacts was 8252. More details will be available in the 2012 Annual Report.

Commission Maggio asked about the current status and qualification requirements of the Registration Fee Rebate program. Ms. Savage said that 324 rebates have been processed so far. Ms. Savage asked that any constituents who have questions about their individual status should contact her directly.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: None

APPEALS:

**A. D-3725 1240 N. Flores St. #5
(Overcharge Refund)**

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

The Commission heard from the landlord representative, Tanaz Kosnki.

The Commission heard from the tenant, Brandon Brawner.

After a public discussion among the Commission regarding the appeal, a motion was made by Commissioner Topchian to adopt Resolution 13-418 to affirm in part and reverse in part the hearing examiner's decision in case D-3725. Commissioner Maggio seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed (4-0-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CHAIR'S REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Commissioner Maggio took this opportunity to reiterate the RSO Building Blocks seminar series and the Registration Fee Rebate program information.

STAFF COMMENTS: None

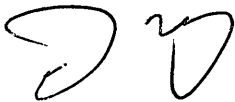
ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chair Gregoire adjourned the Rent Stabilization Commission meeting at 7:42 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on January 24, 2013 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

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

Adopted this 24th day of January, 2013

ATTEST:



David Gregoire, Chair



Secretary

