

**Rent Stabilization Commission
City of West Hollywood
Thursday, August 8, 2013 @ 7:00 PM
West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers
625 North San Vicente Boulevard**

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Henry called the meeting to order.

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

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Human Services and Rent Stabilization Director Elizabeth Savage, Acting Manager of Rent Stabilization and Housing Anwar Zraikat, Rent Stabilization Information Coordinator Gloria Aviles, Acting Project Administrator Andi Lovano, Rent Stabilization Information Coordinator Adriana Borge, Administrative Specialist II Jasmine White, Administrative Specialist III Tom Trevor, Mediator Joel Hecht, Council Deputy Michael Haibach, Administrative Specialist II Blayne Sutton-Wills, Council Intern Joseph Schweigert

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Vice Chair Maggio and seconded by Commissioner Sanes to approve the August 8, 2013 meeting agenda. Motion approved (5-0-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of the July 25, 2013 minutes was postponed to the August 22, 2013 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMISSION COMMENTS: None

STUDY SESSION:

At this time, the Commission convened as a Study Session.

- A. Director Elizabeth Savage gave a brief overview of the purpose of the annual study session.
- B. Director Savage discussed the accomplishments from the 2012-2013 Suggested Priorities.
- C. The Commission discussed items from the 2012-2013 Suggested Priorities that should be carried over to the 2013-2014 Suggested Priorities.
- D. The Commission then identified and prioritized the Suggested Priorities for the 2013-2014 sessions.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Rent Stabilization Information Coordinator Gloria Aviles spoke regarding illegal units and the challenges that are involved in identifying such units.

Joel Hecht spoke regarding rental units that are withheld from the rental market and used as vacation rentals.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Vice Chair Maggio spoke regarding his appreciation for Joel Hecht and thanked him for the work he does. Commissioner Maggio asked for an update on how many applications have been received for the Low Income Inclusionary Housing waitlist and he thanked staff for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Topchian thanked staff for their assistance in establishing a prioritized list of suggested priorities.

Commissioner Gregoire congratulated staff on the accomplishments that have been achieved from the 2012-2013 Suggested Priorities.

Commissioner Sanes also thanked staff for their 2012-2013 accomplishments.

Chair Henry thanked staff for their assistance in reaching 2012-2013 Suggested Priorities and particularly thanked Director Savage for her outstanding leadership. He also thanked his fellow Commissioners for their commitment over the past year.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chair Henry adjourned the Rent Stabilization Commission meeting. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on August 22, 2013 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

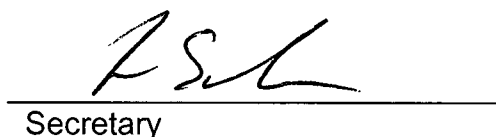
These minutes were submitted by Laura Schoonover, Commission Secretary.

Adopted this 22th day August, 2013



Charles Henry, Chair

ATTEST:



Secretary