

**Rent Stabilization Commission
City of West Hollywood
Thursday, July 25, 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 at 7:01 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL: Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover took roll call.

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, Legal Services Manager Christof Schroeder, Staff Attorney Alison Regan, , and Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Commissioner Gregoire and seconded by Vice Chair Maggio to approve the July 25, 2013 meeting agenda. Motion approved (5-0-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Topchian and seconded by Commissioner Gregoire to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2013 meeting. Motion approved (5-0-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

DIRECTOR'S/MANAGER'S REPORT:

Director Elizabeth Savage announced that August 8, 2013 will be the rent Stabilization Commission Annual Study Session. She also announced that a report on the Rent Stabilization Building Blocks program will be given to the Commission in October. Ms. Savage provided a reminder to the Commission that October 14 will be the date of the 2013 Annual Congress.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: None

APPEALS:

- A. D-3758** **1201 N. Crescent Heights
(Landlord Appeal of Rent Decrease)**
- B. D-3758** **1201 N. Crescent Heights
(Tenant Appeal of Rent Decrease)**

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

Representatives for the landlord, Allen Nissel and Nona Goulian

Tenant Tomas Mournian was present.

After a public discussion among the Commission regarding the appeal, a motion was made by Vice Chair Maggio to adopt Resolution 13-428, affirming the Hearing Examiner's decision. Commissioner Topchian seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed (5-0-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Director Elizabeth Savage provided the Commission with an overview of legal services and resources that are available to City of West Hollywood community members. Ms. Savage also announced that a speaker from the Los Angeles HIV Law and Policy Project would be addressing the Commission in November 2013 regarding HIV and housing issues.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Vice Chair Maggio requested additional information to be provided to the Commission regarding the Mills Act.

Commissioner Topchian asked about the process for adding organizations to the City's list of referrals.

Commissioner Gregoire congratulated Chair Henry on his first full meeting as Chair.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Director Savage announced that a summary of the West Hollywood Community Study is available to the public. She also announced a correction to the Rent Stabilization and Housing Annual Report.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chair Henry adjourned the Rent Stabilization Commission meeting at 7:57 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on August 8, 2013 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

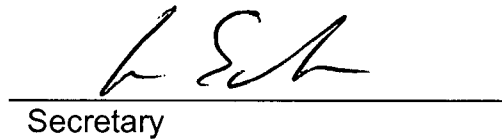
These minutes were taken and submitted by Laura Schoonover, Commission Secretary.

Adopted this 22nd day August, 2013



Charles Henry, Chair

ATTEST:



Secretary