

**Rent Stabilization Commission
City of West Hollywood
Thursday, August 22, 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, and Commissioner Agassi Topchian.

ABSENT: Commissioner Gail Sanes

STAFF PRESENT: Acting Manager of Rent Stabilization and Housing Anwar Zraikat, Legal Services Manager Christof Schroeder, Legal Counsel for the Department Jonathan Holub, Legal Counsel to the Commission Alison Regan, Rent Stabilization Information Coordinator Gloria Aviles , and Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Commissioner Gregoire and seconded by Vice Chair Maggio to approve the August 22, 2013 meeting agenda. Motion approved (4-0-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Gregoire and seconded by Commissioner Topchian to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2013 and August 8, 2013 meetings. Motion approved (4-0-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

DIRECTOR'S/MANAGER'S REPORT:

Acting Manager of Rent Stabilization and Housing, Anwar Zraikat, reviewed the Director/Managers Look Ahead Calendar and he reviewed the list of upcoming hearings that the Commissioners may attend.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Vice Chair Maggio commented on the August 8th Study Session. He stated that he enjoyed the meeting and felt it was very beneficial. He thanked staff for organizing the meeting, particularly Director Elizabeth Savage.

Commissioner Topchian commended Acting Project Development Administrator Andi Lovano's presentation of the 2012 Rent Stabilization and Housing Annual Report to the Russian Advisory Board.

APPEALS:

A. D-3782

**8397 Fountain Ave #102
(MAR)**

Jonathan Holub, Legal Counsel for the Department, provided a case summary and analysis of the appeal as provided in the staff report.

Representative for the landlord, Kimberly K. Trinkaus was present.

Tenant Tatyana Rakhman was present.

After a public discussion among the Commission regarding the appeal, a motion was made by Commissioner Topchian to adopt Resolution 13-430, reversing the Hearing Examiner's decision. Commissioner Gregoire seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed (4-0-0).

B. D-3783

**8397 Fountain Ave #103
(MAR)**

Jonathan Holub, Legal Counsel for the Department, provided a case summary and analysis of the appeal as provided in the staff report.

Representative for the landlord, Kimberly K. Trinkaus was present.

No representative for the tenant was present.

After a public discussion among the Commission regarding the appeal, a motion was made by Commissioner Gregoire to adopt Resolution 13-431, affirming the Hearing Examiner's decision. Vice Chair Maggio seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed (4-0-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: The Commission was presented with a staff report that summarized the priorities set forth by them at the August 8, 2013 Study Session for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year.

A motion to approve the Suggested Priorities for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year was made by Commissioner Gregoire and seconded by Commissioner Topchian. The motion was approved (4-0-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Chair Henry thanked staff for their work on the Commission Meeting in the absence of Director Elizabeth Savage.

STAFF COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chair Henry adjourned the Rent Stabilization Commission meeting at 7:52 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on September 12, 2013 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

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

Adopted this 12nd day September, 2013



Charles Henry, Chair

ATTEST:



Secretary