

**Rent Stabilization Commission
City of West Hollywood
Thursday, December 12, 2013 @ 7:00 PM
West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers
625 North San Vicente Boulevard**

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Maggio called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m

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

ROLL CALL: Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover took roll call.

PRESENT: Chair Richard Maggio, Vice Chair Agassi Topchian, Commissioner Gail Sanes, Commissioner David Gregoire, and Commissioner Kurpies

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Human Services and Rent Stabilization Director Elizabeth Savage, Manager of Rent Stabilization and Housing Peter Noonan, Legal Counsel to the Commission Alison Regan, Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover, Administrative Specialist Jasmine White, and Project Development Administrator Andi Lovano

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanes and seconded by Commissioner Gregoire to approve the December 12, 2013 meeting agenda. Motion approved (5-0-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Correction to the minutes was requested by Commissioner Kurpies. The minutes stated that at the November 14th meeting, Commissioner Kurpies abstained from approving the minutes of the October 24th meeting. This was not correct. The October 24th minutes were approved (5-0-0). A motion was made by Commissioner Gregoire and seconded by Chair Maggio to approve the amended minutes from the November 14, 2013. Motion approved (5-0-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

DIRECTOR'S/MANAGER'S REPORT:

Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization, Elizabeth Savage, reviewed the Director's/Manager's Look Ahead calendar.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: None

APPEALS:

A. D-3813

**530 ½ N. San Vicente Blvd.
(MAR Overcharge)**

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

Tenant Kelly Carson was in attendance. Tenant representative Lynn Ann Cuminotto spoke to the Commission on behalf of Ms. Carson.

Landlord Joni Masket was in attendance. Landlord representative Sutton Shapiro spoke to the Commission on behalf of Ms. Masket.

After a public discussion among the Commission regarding the appeal, a motion was made by Commissioner Kurpies to adopt Resolution 13-437 to affirm in part and reverse in part the Hearing Examiners decision. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Topchian. The motion passed (5-0-0).

RECESS: 8:04 to 8:08

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. The Commission reviewed the amended Resolution 13-436 in case D-3758CD1, 1201 N. Crescent Heights Blvd. A motion was made by Commissioner Gregoire to adopt the amended resolution. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Topchian. The motion passed (4-1-0) with Commissioner Kurpies voting no.

B. The Commission received an update from Commissioner Sanes and Commissioner Topchian regarding the Valuation Guidelines Ad Hoc Sub-Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. The Commission discussed the idea of appointing liaisons from the Rent Stabilization Commission to City of West Hollywood Advisory Boards and Commissions. A motion was made by Commissioner Gregoire to approve a liaison and seconded by Commissioner Sanes. The motion passed (5-0-0). Chair Maggio volunteered to be the Commission liaison.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Commissioner Kurpies made a recommendation that future minutes should clarify split votes. For example, if a vote is 3-2-0 it will be clarified which 2 Commissioners voted no.

Commissioner Gregoire commented that he is very impressed with his fellow Commissioners and the effort that they put into evaluating the evidence in case D-3813

STAFF COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chair Maggio adjourned the Rent Stabilization Commission meeting at 8:28 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on January 9, 2014 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were taken and submitted by Laura Schoonover, Commission Secretary. Adopted this 9th day of January, 2014.

ATTEST:



Richard Maggio, Chair



Secretary