

**Rent Stabilization Commission
City of West Hollywood
Thursday, May 22, 2014 @ 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 7:05 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 Josh Kurpies.

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT:

Human Services and Rent Stabilization Director Elizabeth Savage, Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan, 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 Commissioner Sanes to approve the May 22, 2014 meeting agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Vice Chair Topchian and seconded by Commissioner Kurpies to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2014 meeting.

DIRECTOR'S/MANAGER'S REPORT:

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

Chair Maggio made a request for more information regarding recent changes to Section 8 and Ms. Savage stated that a summary report would be provided to the Commission on July 10, 2014.

APPEALS:

A. D-3861

**1236 N. Flores Street #406
(Rent Reduction)**

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

Representative for the Landlord Aaron Aftergood was in attendance and spoke to the Commission regarding the appeal.

Tenant Megan Griffey was in attendance and spoke to the Commission regarding the appeal.

After a public discussion among the Commission regarding the appeal, a motion was made by Vice Chair Topchian to adopt Resolution 14-452 to affirm the hearing examiner's decision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kurpies. The motion passed (5-0-0).

NEW BUSINESS:

A. As part of the Rent Stabilization Commission's continuing "Things to know" series, Rent Stabilization Information Coordinator Gloria Aviles gave a presentation on relocation benefits. The floor was then opened to questions from the Commission and those questions were addressed by staff.

STAFF COMMENTS:

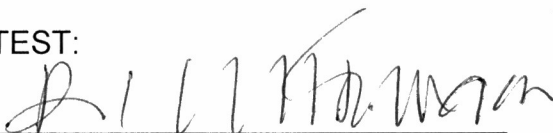
Ms. Savage spoke of the success of the recent Russian Style Festival and thanked Vice Chair Topchian for his continued participation in the event.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chair Maggio adjourned the Rent Stabilization Commission meeting at 7:50 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on June 12, 2014 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were taken and submitted by Laura Schoonover, Commission Secretary. Adopted this 12th day of June, 2014.

ATTEST:



Richard Maggio, Chair



Laura Schoonover, Secretary