

**Rent Stabilization Commission  
City of West Hollywood  
Thursday, October 23, 2014 @ 7:00 PM  
West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers  
625 North San Vicente Boulevard**

**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Topchian called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Vice Chair Sanes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover took roll call.

**PRESENT:**

Chair Agassi Topchian, Vice Chair Gail Sanes, Commissioner Josh Kurpies, Commissioner David Gregoire, and Commissioner Richard Maggio.

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan, Legal Counsel to the Commission Alison Regan, and Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Sanes and seconded by Commissioner Kurpies to approve the agenda of the October 23, 2014 meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Maggio and seconded by Commissioner Gregoire to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2014 meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Larry Block of West Hollywood spoke to the Commission about aging in place recommendations.

**DIRECTOR'S/MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan reviewed the Director's/Manager's Look Ahead Calendar. He announced that the November 27, 2014 Rent Stabilization Commission has been cancelled.

Commissioner Kurpies requested that staff make efforts to announce the Commission's upcoming aging in place brainstorming study session to the public and to other Boards and Commissions.

**APPEALS:**

**A. D-3896**

**943 N. Gardner St. #5  
(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 Katherine Adibi was in attendance and spoke to the Commission regarding the appeal.

Tenant Michael Morton 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 Commissioner Maggio to adopt Resolution 14-457 to affirm the hearing examiner's decision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gregoire. The motion passed (5-0-0).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Things to Know: Educational Series - Hoarding: Marina Berkman and Sheila Richman from the West Hollywood Comprehensive Service Center gave a presentation and answered questions from the Commissioners about hoarding.

B. Things to Know: Educational Series – Affordable Housing: Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan gave a report on the income requirements for the City's affordable housing program.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Maggio made a motion to request that staff prioritize a discussion regarding tenant relocation fees. Commissioner Kurpies seconded the motion and it was supported by the Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Topchian adjourned the Rent Stabilization Commission meeting at 8:41 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on November 13, 2014 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

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

Adopted this 13th day of November, 2014.

ATTEST:



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Agassi Topchian, Chair



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Laura Schoonover, Secretary