

**Rent Stabilization Commission
City of West Hollywood
Thursday, November 13, 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 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Topchian 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, and Commissioner Richard Maggio.

ABSENT: Commissioner David Gregoire

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 Commissioner Maggio and seconded by Vice Chair Sanes to approve the agenda of the November 13, 2014 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A request to amend the minutes was made by Commissioner Kurpies. A motion was made by Commissioner Maggio and seconded by Vice Chair Sanes to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2014 meeting as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mike Gerle of West Hollywood spoke to the Commission about campaign to be elected to the West Hollywood City Council.

DIRECTOR'S/MANAGER'S REPORT:

Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan reviewed the Director's/Manager's Look Ahead Calendar.

Commissioner Maggio requested a status on the planned discussion of tenant relocation fees. Mr. Noonan stated that staff was in the process of preparing a staff report for City Council regarding an ordinance change for tenant relocation fees and that he would provide more information later in the meeting,

APPEALS:

A. D-3900

**1422 N. Sweetzer Ave. #204
(Rent Reduction)**

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

Representative for the Landlord Bruce Horowitz was in attendance and spoke to the Commission regarding the appeal.

Tenants John Ryan and Jeff Downs were in attendance and spoke to the Commission regarding the appeal.

After a public discussion among the Commission regarding the appeal it was determined that resolution 14-458 would be amended to increase the amount of the rent reduction from \$13 to \$33. A motion was made by Commissioner Maggio and seconded by Commissioner Kurpies to adopt amended Resolution 14-458. The motion passed (4-0-0).

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Chair Topchian commented that he felt that the amount of rent being paid by a tenant should be considered by the Hearing Examiner when reviewing the Valuation Guidelines so that the amount of a rent reduction would collate better with the amount of rent being paid.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan provided additional information to the Commission regarding the current actions being taken by staff in regards to proposing adjustments to the City's relocation fees.

Commissioner Kurpies asked for clarification on how the current relocation fees are determined.

Commissioner Maggio commented on current relocation amounts and how they are determined.

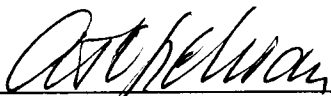
ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Topchian adjourned the Rent Stabilization Commission meeting at 8:26 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on December 11, 2014 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

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

Adopted this 11th day of December, 2014.

ATTEST:



Agassi Topchian, Chair



Laura Schoonover, Secretary