

**Rent Stabilization Commission
City of West Hollywood
Thursday, September 24, 2015 @ 7:00 PM
West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers
625 North San Vicente Boulevard**

Minutes

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

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

ROLL CALL: Acting Commission Secretary Tom Trevor took roll call.

PRESENT:

Chair Gail Sanes, Vice Chair Maggio, Commissioner Stephanie Harker, Commissioner Topchian and Commissioner David Gregoire.

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT:

Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan, Legal Counsel to the Commission Alison Regan, and Acting Commission Secretary Tom Trevor.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Vice Chair Maggio to approve the agenda for the September 24, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harker. The motion was approved (5-0-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Gregoire to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2015 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harker. The motion was approved (4-0-1) with Vice Chair Maggio Abstaining.

DIRECTOR'S/MANAGER'S REPORT:

Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan reviewed the Manager's Look Ahead calendar.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Harker requested information be brought back regarding the City of Santa Monica's requirement that rent stabilized units be replaced if a property is removed from the rental market using the Ellis Act and rebuilt within 5 years.

APPEALS:

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

No representative for the tenant was in attendance.
No representative for the landlord was in attendance.

After the Commission deliberated, a motion was made by Vice Chair Maggio to adopt Resolution 15-476 affirming the hearing examiner's decision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gregoire. The motion passed (5-0-0).

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Harker spoke regarding the Arts and Cultural Affairs program "Shakespeare in the Park".

Commissioner Topchian spoke regarding a recent court case in Berkeley California regarding illegal eviction.

Commissioner Harker spoke regarding AB 2 that was recently signed by Governor Brown.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan provided business cards for the Rent Stabilization and Housing Division and let the Commissioners know that they may provide these cards to the public and that the City has staff available to answer questions and provide information on rent stabilization and housing.

Legal Counsel to the Commission Alison Regan commented on the legal case that was brought up by Commissioner Topchian and noted that the City of West Hollywood, along with the City of Santa Monica, had filed an amicus brief in regards to the case.


ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on October 22, 2015 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were submitted by Laura Schoonover, Commission Secretary and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 22nd day of October, 2015.

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ATTEST: -



Richard Maggio, Acting Chair



Commission Secretary