

**Rent Stabilization Commission
City of West Hollywood
Thursday, October 22, 2015 @ 7:00 PM
West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers
625 North San Vicente Boulevard**

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Maggio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Alexander Gurfinkel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover took roll call.

PRESENT:

Vice Chair Maggio, Commissioner Stephanie Harker, and Commissioner David Gregoire.

ABSENT: Chair Gail Sanes

STAFF PRESENT:

Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization Elizabeth Savage, Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan, Legal Counsel to the Commission Jonathan Holub, and Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Vice Chair Maggio requested that the agenda be amended to move Item VI (Approval of the Minutes) to before Item V (Oath of Office). A motion was made by Commissioner Gregoire to approve the agenda for the October 22, 2015 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harker. The motion was approved (3-0-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Gregoire to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harker. The motion was approved (3-0-0).

OATH OF OFFICE:

Alexander Gurfinkel was sworn in by Mayor Lindsey Horvath.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michael Wojtkielewicz of West Hollywood spoke in regards to the 2014 Rent Stabilization and Housing Annual Report.

DIRECTOR'S/MANAGER'S REPORT:

Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan reviewed the Manager's Look Ahead calendar. Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization, Elizabeth Savage, announced

that a report on the Aging in Place/Aging in Community Strategic Plan would be presented to the Commission at its November 12, 2015 meeting.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Gregoire welcomed Commissioner Gurfinkel to the Commission. Commissioner Gurfinkel thanked Commissioner Gregoire and stated that he looked forward to working with the Commission and helping the residents of West Hollywood.

Commissioner Harker welcomed Commissioner Gurfinkel to the Commission and welcomed back Secretary Laura Schoonover after an extended absence.

APPEALS:

**A. D-4018 1260 N. Havenhurst Dr., #108
(MAR)**

Jonathan Holub, 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 Commissioner Gregoire to adopt Resolution 15-479 affirming the hearing examiner's decision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harker. The motion passed (4-0-0).

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Harker thanked Michael Wojtkielewicz for his public comment. She further spoke about the possible need for an amendment to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance regarding rent increases for tenants who transition from being an onsite manager to a regular tenant.

Commissioner Maggio asked staff to bring the topic of rent increases for persons who transition from onsite manager to regular tenant before the Commission as an agenda item at an appropriate time in the future.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan welcomed Commissioner Gurfinkel to the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 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.

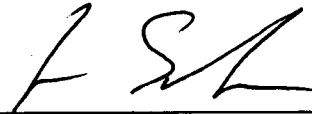
These minutes were submitted by Laura Schoonover, Commission Secretary and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 12th day of November, 2015.

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ATTEST:



Gail Sanes, Chair



Commission Secretary