Rent Stabilization Commission City of West Hollywood Thursday, October 13, 2016 @ 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 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Harker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Information Coordinator Gloria Aviles took roll call.

PRESENT: Chair Richard Maggio, Vice Chair David Gregoire, Commissioner Rob Bergstein, Commissioner Josh Kurpies, Commissioner Stephanie Harker, and Commissioner Alexander Gurfinkel

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan, Information Coordinator Gloria Aviles, Governmental Affairs Liaison Hernan Molina

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Commissioner Bergstein to approve the agenda for the October 13, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanes. The motion was approved (7-0-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Gurfinkel to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harker. The motion was approved (6-0-1).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

DIRECTOR'S/MANAGER'S REPORT:

Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan reviewed the Look Ahead Calendar. The remaining Commission meeting dates for the calendar year are 10/27, 11/10, and 12/8.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bergstein followed-up on the current Ellis status of 1301 N. Sweetzer (1302-1310 N. Sweetzer).

Commissioner Gurfinkel commended staff on the addition of the Russian-language version of the Rent Stabilization newsletters to the City's website.

NEW BUSINESS:

Governmental Affairs Liaison Hernan Molina provided an update on current legislative items as they impact rent stabilization and housing issues.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bergstein clarified that Commissioners can attend the Ethics training online if they are unable to attend the upcoming session in person.

Commissioner Kurpies attended the SCAG (Southern California Association of Governments) housing summit on October 11 and will provide the Commission with a summary of the conference as soon as SCAG makes it available.

Commissioner Harker announced two upcoming events hosted by other City boards and commissions: DAB (Disabilities Advisory Board) celebrates its 18th annual service awards on 10/26 in the Council Chambers (reception at 5 p.m.; awards start at 6 p.m.); the Historic Preservation Commission hosts its annual historic preservation event at the Schindler House on 10/27 at 6 p.m.

Commissioner Kurpies informed the Commission that Commissioner Harker will be one of the honorees at the DAB service awards.

Chair Maggio commended Commissioner Harker on her advocacy.

Commissioner Gurfinkel wished all those observing the Jewish calendar a happy new year.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan announced that he attended the Rent Consortium on October 11, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. to the next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission to be held on October 27, 2016 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were submitted by Tom Trevor, Commission Secretary and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 10th day of November, 2016.

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ATTEST:

Richard Maggio, Chair

Commission Secretary