Rent Stabilization Commission City of West Hollywood Thursday, November 10, 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 7:05 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL: Commission Secretary Tom Trevor took roll call.

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

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ABSENT: Commissioner Alexander Gurfinkel

STAFF PRESENT:

Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan, Human Services and Rent Stabilization Director Elizabeth Savage, Information Coordinator Adriana Borge, Administrative Specialist David Escobedo, and Commission Secretary Tom Trevor

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Vice Chair Gregoire to approve the agenda for the November 10, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harker. The motion was approved (6-0-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Vice Chair Gregoire to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2016 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harker. The motion was approved (6-0-0).

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 Commission was reminded about the upcoming ethics training to be held on Saturday, November 12. Two appeals are on the agenda for December 8 RSC meeting, as well as a receive-and-file update on the 2017 Building Blocks curriculum. The short term rentals update will be moved to a future meeting. Two appeals are on the agenda for the January 12, 2017 RSC meeting.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bergstein informed the Commission that a measure on the November 8 ballot in Santa Monica which would have drastically reduced new construction had been defeated.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Annual Study Session:

The annual study session began with Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan reviewing the priorities that were established at last year's study session and briefly discussing what staff had done to address those priorities. Mr. Noonan answered questions from the Commission about the previous year's priorities.

Mr. Noonan then explained the process for this evening's study session and how the Commission would go about establishing priorities for 2016-17. The Commission engaged in a discussion about new priorities for the upcoming year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Kurpies spoke about the Annual Congress of Commissions and Boards that had been held on October 29, 2016.

STAFF COMMENTS:

There were no Staff comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on December 8, 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 8th day of December, 2016.

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ATTEST:

Richard Maggio, Chair

Commission Secretary