

**Rent Stabilization Commission
City of West Hollywood
Thursday, March 23, 2017 @ 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: Chair Maggio led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover took roll call.

PRESENT: Chair Richard Maggio, Commissioner Robert Bergstein, Commissioner Alexander Gurfinkel, and Commissioner Gail Sanes

ABSENT: Vice Chair David Gregoire, Commissioner Stephanie Harker, and Commissioner Josh Kurpies

STAFF PRESENT: Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan, Legal Counsel to the Commission Alison Regan, Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanes to approve the agenda for the March 23, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gurfinkel. The motion was approved (4-0-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Bergstein to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gurfinkel. The motion was approved (4-0-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dan Morin, West Hollywood, spoke about the public comment process.

DIRECTOR'S/MANAGER'S REPORT:

Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan reviewed the Look Ahead calendar. Commissioner Bergstein requested a date that he could bring forth a discussion regarding smoke free apartments.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bergstein spoke about an article in the Apartment Owners Association magazine regarding AirBnB, a rebate program being offered by Southern California Gas Co to upgrade to energy saving appliances, an article in the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation magazine on affordable housing waitlists, and public comment.

Commissioner Sanes spoke about the purpose of public comment.

Commissioner Gurfinkel talked about the motion activated light program being offered through the City and he commented on public comment.

Commissioner Kurpies arrived at this time (7:12pm)

APPEALS:

A D-4157

1218 N. La Cienega #D-2

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

Landlord representative Steve Dailey spoke regarding the appeal

Tenant Naomi Robbins spoke regarding the appeal.

Tenant Charis Michelsen spoke regarding the appeal.

Following Commission deliberation, a motion was made by Commissioner Sanes to adopt Resolution 17-503 as amended, reducing the rent reduction amount. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gurfinkel. The motion passed (4-1-0) with Commissioner Kurpies voting no.

The Commission adjourned for a brief recess at 8:36pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:40pm.

B D-4138

1153 N. Vista St. #6

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

Landlord representative Aaron Torbati spoke regarding the appeal

Tenant Eric Barrientos spoke regarding the appeal.

Following Commission deliberation, a motion was made by Commissioner Bergstein to adopt Resolution 17-504, affirming the hearing examiner's decision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gurfinkel. The motion passed (5-0-0).

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bergstein spoke regarding the possibility of the City organizing tenant/landlord meetings when there is a property that is generating a high volume disputes.

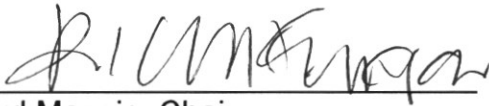
ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on April 13, 2017 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 13th day of April, 2017.

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ATTEST:



Richard Maggio, Chair



Commission Secretary