

**Rent Stabilization Commission
City of West Hollywood
Thursday, January 11, 2018 @ 7:00 PM
West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers
625 North San Vicente Boulevard**

Minutes

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

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

ROLL CALL: Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover took roll call.

PRESENT: Chair Josh Kurpies, Commissioner Richard Maggio, Commissioner Agassi Topchian, , Commissioner Garrett Charity and Commissioner David Gregoire.

ABSENT: Vice Chair Rob Bergstein, Commissioner Margaret Buckles

STAFF PRESENT: Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan, Code Compliance Manager Jeff Aubel and Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Commissioner Topchian to approve the agenda for the January 11, 2018. Commissioner Maggio seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Maggio to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charity. The motion was approved.

DIRECTOR/MANAGER'S REPORT:

Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan reviewed the Look Ahead calendar and spoke about the upcoming community meetings regarding housing on February 1 and February 15 and two upcoming meetings on seismic retrofitting.

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner Maggio thanked Larry Gross for his efforts regarding AB 1506

Chair Kurpies spoke about AB 1506. He recognized staff attorney Alison Regan who he said did an outstanding job speaking in support of AB 1506. He praised her knowledge on the topic and said he was very happy that Ms. Regan was representing the City and the tenants of the state of California.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. PROACTIVE CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS, AND CONSIDERATION FOR FORMING A SUBCOMMITTEE TO FURTHER STUDY AND REPORT BACK TO THE COMMISSION:

Code Compliance Manager Jeff Aubel provided a brief description of the test pilot program that the City had launched

Commissioner Gregoire asked if the current state of housing in West Hollywood was at a level that would cause the City to deem a systematic code enforcement program as necessary.

Commissioner Charity asked about the costs associated with having a systematic code enforcement program.

Commissioner Topchian inquired about what scenario would trigger a unit inspection under the current code enforcement program.

Chair Kurpies read a statement from Vice Chair Bergstein regarding his support for creating a subcommittee for reviewing the feasibility of a proactive code enforcement program.

Commissioner Topchian made a motion to move forward with a discussion about forming a subcommittee. Commissioner Charity, approved, seconded the motion and a discussion ensued.

ACTION: Commissioner Agassi made a motion to create a subcommittee to review the feasibility of a proactive code enforcement program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charity and approved. The subcommittee will consist of Commissioners Bergstein, Maggio, and Topchian.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. on January 25, 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 25th day of January 2018.

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ATTEST:


Josh Kurpies, Chair


Commission Secretary