

**Rent Stabilization Commission  
City of West Hollywood  
Thursday, January 25, 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 7:03 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, Vice Chair Rob Bergstein, Commissioner Richard Maggio, Commissioner Agassi Topchian, Commissioner Margaret Buckles, and Commissioner Garrett Charity

**ABSENT:** Commissioner David Gregoire

**STAFF PRESENT:** Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan, Rent Stabilization Information Coordinator Chris Uszler and Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Bergstein to approve the agenda. Commissioner Buckles seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Maggio to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charity. The motion was approved with Commissioners Bergstein and Buckles abstaining.

**DIRECTOR/MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan reviewed the Look Ahead calendar.

**ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:**

Chair Kurpies spoke about his attendance at the RSO Building Blocks seminar on January 23, titled Tenant Basics.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. STUDY SESSION: Rent Stabilization and Housing manager Peter Noonan gave a presentation about upward rent adjustments and seismic retrofitting. He addressed numerous questions from the Commission.

**ACTION:** *The Commission requested staff bring back additional information, including cost estimates using the current NOI formula and other possible cost sharing methods and community feedback, at the March 5 meeting to prepare a recommendation for City Council.*

**AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE:**

Commissioner Bergstein asked staff for clarification on rules governing ad hoc subcommittees.

Chair Kurpies made a motion to clarify the ad hoc subcommittee is in fact an ad hoc subcommittee and not a standing subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Bergstein. The motion was approved.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Topchian thanked staff for the evening's presentation.

Commissioner Charity announced he would be attending the February 6 RSO Building Blocks session on Landlord Basics.

Vice Chair Bergstein commented on gas line shutoff valves. He asked staff for an update on tracking units that have not been re-registered. He complimented staff on the recent newsletter. He commented on Airbnb lawsuits. He asked the meeting be adjourned in memory of his nephew Justin Cano.

Commissioner Buckles thanked staff for the evening's presentation.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan commented on Vice Chair Bergstein's request for information about unregistered rental units. He spoke about the upcoming community meetings regarding housing on February 1 and February 15 and two upcoming meetings on seismic retrofitting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m. in memory of Justin Cano. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. on February 22, 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 22nd day of February 2018.

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Josh Kurpies, Chair

  
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Commission Secretary