

**Rent Stabilization Commission
City of West Hollywood
Thursday, January 10, 2019 @ 7:00 PM
West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers
625 North San Vicente Boulevard**

Minutes

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

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

ROLL CALL: Commission Secretary Celeste Barrino took roll call.

PRESENT: Commissioner Josh Kurpies, Commissioner Rob Bergstein, Chair Garrett Charity, Commissioner Karen O'Keefe, Commissioner Agassi Topchian, Commissioner Richard Maggio.

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan, Legal Counsel Alison Regan, Commission Secretary Celeste Barrino.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Commissioner Kurpies to approve the agenda for the January 10, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Topchian seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner Topchian to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2018 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kurpies.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Amanda Laflen, West Hollywood, introduced herself as a Public Safety Commissioner & the liaison to the Rent Stabilization Commission.

DIRECTOR'S/MANAGER'S REPORT: Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan reviewed the Look Ahead calendar.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Kurpies inquired if the City was aware of the Hazard Mitigation Grant program offered by FEMA. The program allows FEMA to share up to forty percent of the retrofitting cost with property owners.

Housing Manager Peter Noonan replied that the City has applied for the Hazard Mitigation Grant and they're in the second phase of the cycle.

APPEAL:

D-4324

990 Palm Ave #19

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

Regan Edwards, Long Beach, Landlord's Representative spoke on the appeal.

Following Commission deliberation, a motion was made by Commissioner Kurpies to adopt Resolution 18-539, affirming the hearing examiner's decision in D-4324. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS: 2019 RSO Building Blocks Educational Seminars

Housing Manager Peter Noonan presented the RSO Building Block seminars for 2019. The RSO Building Blocks are opportunities for the public to learn about rent stabilization in West Hollywood. The workshops are advertised in newsletters and provided to all rent stabilized households and landlords, on the City's website, distributed at City Hall, Plummer Park and the Library. The fliers are available in English, Russian and Spanish. He also touched upon the results of the 2018 Building Block Seminars.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Maggio thanked Amanda Laflen, the Public Safety Commissioner for attending the meeting tonight.

STAFF COMMENTS: No staff comments

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. on January 24, 2019 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were submitted by Celeste Barrino, Commission Secretary, and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 24th day of January 2019.

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ATTEST:



Garrett Charity, Chair



Celeste Barrino
Commission Secretary