

**RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM- COUNCIL CHAMBERS
625 NORTH SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

**MINUTES
(Amended)**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Commission said the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Commission Secretary Janene Sherrard took roll call.

PRESENT: Commissioner Karen O'Keefe, Commissioner Josh Kurpies, Commissioner Richard Maggio, Commissioner Kellan Martz, Commissioner Garrett Charity, Chair Robert Bergstein.

Commissioner Kurpies arrived at 7:07 p.m.

ABSENT: Vice Chair Agassi Topchian.

STAFF PRESENT: Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan, Legal Counsel to the Commission Alison Regan, and Commission Secretary Janene Sherrard.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Commissioner Maggio to approve the agenda for the January 23, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martz. The motion was approved 5-0-2. Commissioner Kurpies and Vice Chair Topchian were absent.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner Maggio to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charity. The motion was approved 5-0-2. Commissioner Kurpies and Vice Chair Topchian were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: *There were no public comments.*

MANAGER REPORT: Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan reviewed the Look Ahead Calendar. The subject of relocation fees will be brought up at the February 13, 2020 meeting. Discussion regarding broken elevators will be brought up at the February 27, 2020 meeting. The Council Chambers are unavailable for meetings on March 26, 2020 and April 9, 2020. Fiesta Hall is available on those dates.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Commissioner Martz mentioned the community meet-and-greet pop-up event being held at West Hollywood Park Dog Park on January 25, 2020 at 10 a.m. Chair Bergstein put forth an adjournment motion in honor of the memory of West Hollywood Sheriff Detective Amber Leist.

APPEAL:

D-4354CD3 1224 N. La Cienega Blvd

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

Charis Michelson, West Hollywood, appellant, spoke on the appeal.

Steve Short, Los Angeles, representative for Empire View Homes LLC, respondent, spoke on the appeal.

Following deliberation, a motion was made by Commissioner O’Keefe to adopt Resolution RSC 20-568 affirming the hearing examiner’s decision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martz. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-1-1. Commissioner Maggio voted “No.” Vice Chair Topchian was absent.

APPEAL:

D-4460 1224 N. La Cienega Blvd

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Charis Michelson, West Hollywood, appellant, spoke on the appeal.

Steve Short, Los Angeles, representative for Empire View Homes LLC, appellant, spoke on the appeal.

Following deliberation, a motion was made by Commissioner Charity to adopt Resolution RSC 20-569 affirming-in-part the hearing examiner’s decision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martz. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-1-2. Commissioner O’Keefe voted “No.” Commissioner Kurpies recused himself. Vice Chair Topchian was absent.

Chair Bergstein recessed the meeting at 8:10 p.m. The Chair reconvened the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Noonan brought up the subject of cancelling the March 26, 2020 and April 9, 2020 meetings or holding the meetings at Fiesta Hall on those

dates. A brief discussion followed. The commission agreed to reserve Fiesta Hall for those two potential meeting dates.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Kurpies attended the Beverly Hills Homeless Count and thanked West Hollywood community members who were participating in the count that evening. Commissioner Martz encouraged members of the West Hollywood community to voice their opinions to the City of Beverly Hills regarding the log cabin on Robertson. Chair Bergstein inquired if another pop-up would be occurring later this year.


STAFF COMMENTS: Mr. Noonan stated that he would be at the community pop-up on January 25, 2020 and invited the commissioners to stop by.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 13, 2020 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were submitted by Janene Sherrard, Commission Secretary, and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 13th day of February 2020.

A copy of the audio recording of this meeting can be obtained from the City Clerk's office upon request. You may also view a video of this meeting at <http://www.weho.org/weho-tv/other-city-meetings>.

ATTEST:



Robert Bergstein, Chair



Janene Sherrard, Commission Secretary