

**RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2020  
TELECONFERENCE**

**MINUTES**

**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:** Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Roger Vinalon Jr. took roll call.

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Garrett Charity, Commissioner Richard Maggio, Commissioner Kellan Martz, Commissioner Karen O'Keefe, Vice Chair Agassi Topchian, Chair Robert Bergstein.

Commissioner Josh Kurpies arrived at 7:04 p.m.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Pete Noonan, Legal Counsel to the Commission Alison Regan, Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Roger Vinalon Jr., and Corri Planck, Strategic Initiatives Manager and Acting Human Services and Rent Stabilization Department Director.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Commissioner Maggio to approve the agenda for the July 9, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe. The motion was approved 6-0-0, with Commissioner Kurpies absent.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** A motion was made by Vice Chair Topchian to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martz. The motion was approved 7-0-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**MANAGER REPORT:** Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Pete Noonan reviewed the Look Ahead Calendar.

Mr. Noonan informed the Rent Stabilization Commission of the information and resources available on the City website regarding the eviction moratorium and rental assistance.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** None.

**APPEAL:**

D-4501

1308 N. Havenhurst Drive

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

Phillip Roth, West Hollywood, tenant, spoke on the appeal.

Jason Katz, representative for Union Drive LLC, was admitted to the hearing following an initial deliberation due to technical issues and stated he did not receive the staff report.

Legal Counsel to the Commission proposed staff resend the staff report and continue the appeal to a future meeting.

Commissioner Martz clarified for Mr. Katz he should first review the report produced by staff, separate from the Hearing Examiner findings, before continuing the hearing.

Commissioner Kurpies suggested staff inform Mr. Katz of the testimony given during his absence by Phillip Roth to have all information relevant to the hearing.

The appeal was continued to the August 13, 2020 meeting.

D-4505

929 N. Genesee Avenue

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

Wendy Tucker, West Hollywood, tenant, spoke on the appeal.

Steve Fleischman, representative for Whitsett Greens LLC, was admitted to the hearing following an initial deliberation due to technical issues and spoke on the appeal.

Following a second deliberation, a motion was made by Commissioner Maggio to adopt Resolution RSC 20-572 affirming the Hearing Examiner's decision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no public comments.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** Commissioner Maggio thanked staff for the hard copy of his agenda packet, inquired about the Commission sign-in sheet, and looks forward to returning to in-person Commission meetings.

Chair Bergstein encouraged patience as the City improves its virtual meeting proceedings while following the City's social distancing guidelines.

Commissioner Kurpies inquired if agenda packets could be provided electronically without password protection and discussed briefly delaying meeting start times to address technical issues.

Commissioner O'Keefe commented on the rising coronavirus cases and encouraged continuing social distancing.

**STAFF COMMENTS:** Corri Planck thanked the Commission for its continued efforts while adapting to virtual meetings.

Mr. Noonan acknowledged areas to improve the virtual appeal process going forward, addressed Commissioner Kurpies' request for links to agenda packets without password protection, and informed Gloria Aviles will serve as acting Rent Stabilization Manager at the July 23, 2020 meeting.

Corri Planck also addressed this meeting was not broadcast live, but the Zoom recording will be uploaded to the City website and other applications for on-demand viewing.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. The next meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. on July 23, 2020 via Zoom conference.

These minutes were submitted by Roger Vinalon, Commission Secretary, and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 23rd day of July 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>.**

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Roger Vinalon, Commission Secretary

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