

**RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020
TELECONFERENCE**

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Bergstein called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Commission said the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL:** Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Roger Vinalon Jr. took roll call.

PRESENT: Commissioner Garrett Charity, Commissioner Josh Kurpies, Commissioner Kellan Martz, Commissioner Karen O’Keefe, Vice Chair Agassi Topchian, Chair Robert Bergstein

ABSENT: Commissioner Richard Maggio

STAFF PRESENT: Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Pete Noonan, Legal Counsel to the Commission Alison Regan, and Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Roger Vinalon Jr.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

ACTION: Approve the agenda of September 24, 2020 as amended. **Motion by Chair Bergstein to approve the September 24, 2020 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Martz and approved.**

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

ACTION: Approve the minutes of September 10, 2020 as amended. **Motion by Commissioner Martz, seconded by Commissioner O’Keefe, and approved.**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

7. **MANAGER REPORT:** Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Pete Noonan reviewed the look-ahead calendar.

8. **COMMISSION COMMENTS:** Chair Bergstein proposed a motion to adjourn in honor and memory of Dr. Eugene H. Rogolsky.

9. **APPEAL:**

(Appeal D-4494 was taken ahead of Appeal D-4430CD)

D-4494

8221 DeLongpre Avenue

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

Following deliberation, a motion was made by Commissioner Martz to adopt Resolution RSC 20-582 to affirm-in-part and reverse-in-part the Hearing Examiner’s decision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kurpies and approved by a vote of 6-1, noting the “no” vote of Commission O’Keefe.

Chair Bergstein recessed the meeting at 7:35 p.m. And reconvened the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

D-4430CD

1354 N. Harper Avenue

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

Following deliberation, a motion was made by Commissioner Martz to adopt Resolution RSC 20-583, affirming the Hearing Examiner’s decision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charity and approved by a vote of 6-0.

10. NEW BUSINESS: None.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

12. COMMISSION COMMENTS: Commissioner Kurpies reminded the public to complete the 2020 census and to contact City Hall or go to www.housingiskey.com for information on eviction protections under AB 3088. He also provided an update on the Employment Development Department’s unemployment system upgrade currently in progress.

13. STAFF COMMENTS: Legal Counsel to the Commission provided an update on the eviction moratorium. The new state law regarding evictions for non-payment of rent will apply when the City’s eviction moratorium ends on September 30, 2020, while the City’s limits on other grounds for eviction will remain in place through January 31, 2021. West Hollywood residents will have a 12-month repayment period for deferred rent payments due to COVID-19 from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021. The new state law stipulates these deferred rent payments cannot serve as the basis for eviction and will be treated as consumer debt for collection purposes. Staff will place an item on an upcoming agenda to provide a more detailed presentation on the Eviction Moratorium.

Mr. Noonan provided the City’s Code Compliance contact information and the rental assistance resources available on the City’s website.

14.ADJOURNMENT: In memory of Dr. Eugene H. Rogolsky, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. The next meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. on October 8, 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 22nd day of October 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:

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Robert Paul Bergstein

Robert Bergstein, Chair



Roger Vinalon, Commission Secretary

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