

STUDY SESSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024 - 7:00 PM
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Zekiah Wright 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 Diane Garcia took roll call.

PRESENT: Commissioner Josh Kurpies, Commissioner Agassi Topchian, Vice Chair Tina Moore, and Chair Zekiah Wright

ALSO PRESENT: Acting Rent Stabilization Manager Gloria Aviles, Legal Counsel John Natalizio, Rent Stabilization Information Coordinator Yazmin Spiteri, Rent Stabilization Intern Jo Dine and Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Diane Garcia

ABSENT: Commissioner Adam G. Bass, Commissioner Kellan Martz, and Commissioner Frank D. Rorie Jr.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

ACTION: Approve the agenda of January 25, 2024. **Motion by Commissioner Kurpies to approve the January 25, 2024, agenda, seconded by Commissioner Vice Chair Moore and approved.**

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

ACTION: The item was tabled for the next meeting. **Motion by Commissioner Kurpies, seconded by Commissioner Topchian and approved.**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

7. **MANAGER REPORT:** Acting Rent Stabilization Manager Gloria Aviles reviewed the look-ahead calendar.

8. **APPEAL:** None.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:** The Rent Stabilization Commission convened a Study Session and discussed the following items:

1. Review of legal standards and the Commission's role in appeals,
2. Review of Rent Stabilization Commission By-Laws and

3. Review of Rent Stabilization Regulations

Ms. Aviles provided a presentation on the administrative processes for hearings, compliance determination requests, and appeals.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions regarding mediation services, information communicated with tenant/landlord during disputes and property inspections.

The Commission recessed at 7:57 p.m.

The Commission reconvened at 8:02 p.m.

Commissioners watched 'The Perils of Pauline Hapless,' a comedy silent movie produced by RSD staff in 2006, providing an overview of the Rent Stabilization Division.

The Commission participated in a game of "Kahoot!" which reviewed the Commission's jurisdiction delineated by the By Laws and Rent Stabilization Regulations. Legal Counsel John Natalizio provided information regarding the consideration of new evidence during the appeal hearings, the writ of mandate process, staff report preparation, and public hearing procedures.

The Commission asked clarifying questions regarding best practices during public hearings.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF: None.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

12. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Vice Chair Moore and Commissioner Topchian thanked staff for the presentation and information provided during the study session.

Chair Wright encouraged discussion among Commissioners.

13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m. The next meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were submitted by Diane Garcia, Commission Secretary, and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 22nd day of February 2024.

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ATTEST:

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Zekiah Wright, Chair



Diane Garcia, Commission Secretary

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