



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**

Room 280A  
455 North Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

April 20, 2017

9:00 a.m.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: April 20, 2017 / 9:03 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pam Shinault.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Saleh, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Vice Chair Berman,  
Chair Friedman

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: James R. Latta, Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Linda Kyriazi

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items not on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. By State law, the Commission may not discuss or vote on items not on the Agenda.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Friedman approved the agenda as presented.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2017.

MOTION by Berman, SECONDED by Popovich Levyn to approve the Meeting Minutes with noted correction. (5/0)

AYES: Saleh, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Berman, Friedman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED

**REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES**

Beverly Hills Unified School District

Vice President Lisa Korbato provided an update.

- Ms. Korbato informed the Commission about the recent Apple Awards which are given to outstanding teachers and staff members.
- Beverly Hills High School was recognized for student academic achievement and college readiness.
- Construction is continuing.

Beverly Hills Police Department

Sergeant Sean Smollen provided an update.

- Residential Burglary has been a priority. One arrest was made.
- Neighborhood Watch: to schedule one contact Sergeant Smollen at 310-288-2668.
- The Police Recognition Ceremony will be Monday, April 24, 2017 from 3pm to 5pm at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts. It is open to the public.

Pam Shinault, the new Assistant Director of Community Services, was introduced to the Commission.

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

### **2. Tenant Landlord Forum**

There were not any speakers at the Forum.

### **3. Community Assistance Grant Fund FY 2017-18**

The Commission reviewed and discussed each of the 19 applications and the following motions were made:

MOTION by Saleh, SECONDED by Berman to recommend the program proposed by Affordable Living for the Aging for funding by City Council. (5/0)

AYES: Saleh, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Berman, Friedman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED

MOTION by Popovich Levyn, SECONDED by Berman to recommend the program proposed by All Saints' Homeless Assistance Program for funding by City Council. (5/0)

AYES: Saleh, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Berman, Friedman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED

MOTION by Blumenfeld, SECONDED by Popovich Levyn to recommend the program proposed by Bet Tzedek Senior Legal Services Outreach for funding by City Council. (5/0)

AYES: Saleh, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Berman, Friedman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
PASSED

MOTION by Popovich Levyn, SECONDED by Friedman to recommend the program proposed by Beverly Hills Active Adult Club for funding by City Council. (5/0)

AYES: Saleh, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Berman, Friedman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
PASSED

MOTION by Friedman, SECONDED by Saleh to recommend the program proposed by Beverly Hills CPR for funding by City Council. (5/0)

AYES: Saleh, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Berman, Friedman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
PASSED

MOTION by Berman, SECONDED by Saleh to recommend the program proposed by Beverly Hills Education Foundation for funding by City Council. (5/0)

AYES: Saleh, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Berman, Friedman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
PASSED

MOTION by Blumenfeld, SECONDED by Berman to not fund the program proposed by Beverly Hills Theatre Guild for funding by City Council. (1/4)

AYES: Saleh, Blumenfeld, Berman, Friedman  
NOES: Popovich Levyn  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
FAILED

MOTION by Saleh, SECONDED by Berman to recommend the program proposed by Chiron Center Inc. for funding by City Council. (5/0)

AYES: Saleh, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Berman, Friedman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
PASSED

4. MOTION by Friedman, SECONDED by Blumenfeld to recommend the program proposed by ETTA for funding by City Council on their satisfactory responses to our questions and concerns which we just enumerated. (5/0)

AYES: Saleh, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Berman, Friedman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
PASSED

The HRC specifically wanted the following questions answered:

1. Are the organization's services limited to a specific group or population?
2. What are/will be the organization's efforts to conduct outreach to all residents of Beverly Hills, and not just those of a specific population?

MOTION by Berman, SECONDED by Blumenfeld to not recommend the program proposed by Interfaith Movement For Human Integrity for funding by City Council. (5/0)

AYES: Saleh, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Berman, Friedman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
PASSED

MOTION by Blumenfeld, SECONDED by Berman to recommend the program proposed by Jewish Family Service for funding by City Council. (5/0)

AYES: Saleh, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Berman, Friedman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
PASSED

MOTION by Blumenfeld, SECONDED by Berman to not recommend the program proposed by Loving Home Hospice for Children for funding by City Council. (5/0)

AYES: Saleh, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Berman, Friedman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
PASSED

MOTION by Friedman, SECONDED by Blumenfeld to recommend the program proposed by People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) for funding by City Council. (5/0)

AYES: Saleh, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Berman, Friedman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
PASSED

MOTION by Friedman, SECONDED by Blumenfeld to recommend the program proposed by Saban Community Clinic for funding by City Council. (5/0)

AYES: Saleh, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Berman, Friedman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
PASSED

MOTION by Popovich Levyn, SECONDED by Friedman to recommend the program proposed by Step Up On Second for funding by City Council. (5/0)

AYES: Saleh, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Berman, Friedman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
PASSED

MOTION by Popovich Levyn, SECONDED by Saleh to recommend the program proposed by The Maple Counseling Center for funding by City Council. (5/0)

AYES: Saleh, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Berman, Friedman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
PASSED

MOTION by Friedman, SECONDED by Saleh to recommend the program proposed by Theatre 40 for funding by City Council. (5/0)

AYES: Saleh, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Berman, Friedman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
PASSED

MOTION by Popovich Levyn, SECONDED by Friedman to recommend the program proposed by Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts for funding by City Council. (5/0)

AYES: Saleh, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Berman, Friedman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
PASSED

MOTION by Blumenfeld, SECONDED by Saleh to recommend the program proposed by Westside Food Bank for funding by City Council. (5/0)

AYES: Saleh, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Berman, Friedman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
PASSED

A meeting will be scheduled with the City Council liaisons the first week of May and the Community Assistant Grant Fund proposals will go to City Council for approval at their May 16, 2017 meeting.

#### 5. Human Relations Work Plan Review

Human Services Administrator James R. Latta reviewed the flyers and prompts on the prior Bullying Prevention Video Contest

MOTION by Berman, SECONDED by Saleh: move that the Human Relations Commission undertake the Civility Award and the Anti Bullying / Civility project for presentation in October as Civility in the City of Beverly Hills as a combined effort. (5/0)

AYES: Saleh, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Berman, Friedman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
PASSED

- The mediums and prompts will be discussed in the May meeting.
- Does the Commission want to have sponsors and/or donate cash for prizes?
- What dollar amount? Age group?
- Add Civility to the title discussion
- Staff to prepare updated timeline.
- Criteria for Random Acts of Kindness.

MOTION by Popovich Levyn, SECONDED by Berman: move that the Human Relations Commission discuss the criteria to activate Random Acts of Kindness in our ongoing agendas. (5/0)

AYES: Saleh, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Berman, Friedman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
PASSED

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **STATUS REPORTS**

### **6. Beverly Hills Ambassador Program**

The Commission reviewed the current statistics.

- The issues at the Crescent parking structure were discussed.

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

### **6 Mayor's Cabinet Meeting**

- The Mayor's Cabinet Meetings are now broadcasted live.
- Chair Friedman provided an update since April's meeting minutes were not published at this time.
- The Commissions new liaisons will be Mayor Bosse and Councilmember Mirisch.
- The Mayor's Cabinet meetings are held on the third Monday of the month from 5:00pm to 6:00pm in Room 280A.

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

### **7 Administrator's Report**

Human Services Administrator James R. Latta updated the Commission on the following items:

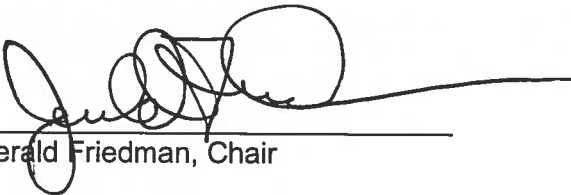
- March 28, 2017 - the installation of Mayor Bosse in addition to Councilmembers Lester Friedman and Robert Wunderlich
- March 21, 2017 - completed a survey for the California Association of Human Relations Organizations (CAHRO) and California State University Centers for Community Engagement.
- April 5, 2017 - the Holocaust Torah Scroll Event that was sponsored by the City of Beverly Hills and From the Depths.
- Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG) Homeless Priorities.
- April 7, 2017 - Conclusion of the USC Caregiver's group.
- May 12, 2017 - Deepak Chopra to Guide Meditation for City of Beverly Hills at noon in front of City Hall's steps on Crescent as part of Mayor Bosse's S.O.U.L. Sessions.
- Commissioner Blumenfeld provided an update on the City hosting, and Mayor Bosse speaking with the students from The Hebrew Reali School, Haifa, Israel.

8. Overview of Current and Pending Agenda Items
  - The Bullying Prevention/Civility contest was added to October.
  
9. Calendar for 2017 Regular Meetings
  - Commissioner Popovich Levyn will not be able to attend the May meeting.
  - Chair Friedman will not be able to attend the December meeting

**ADJOURNMENT**

April 20, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18 DAY of May, 2017



Jerald Friedman, Chair