



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
Room 280A
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

December 21, 2017
9:00 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: December 21, 2017 / 9:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Blumenfeld led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Saleh, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Vice Chair Berman
Commissioners Absent: Chair Friedman
Staff Present: James R. Latta, Rachel L. Evans, 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.

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Berman approved the agenda as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

MOTION by Popovich Levyn, SECONDED by Saleh to approve the Meeting Minutes. (4/0)

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

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

Beverly Hills Unified School District
No representative was able to attend.

Beverly Hills Police Department
No representative was able to attend.

Vice Chair Berman provided an updated from the December Mayor's Cabinet Meeting.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Tenant Landlord Forum

Human Services Administrator, James R. Latta updated the Commission on inquiries from tenants and landlords.

3. Rent Stabilization Update

The Commission reviewed rent stabilization updates.

4. Human Relations Commission 2018 Work Plan Exercise

The Commission reviewed the status of their existing work plan and will continue the discussion at the January Commission meeting.

5. Random Acts of Kindness

The Commission reviewed the final three designs for the Kindness Pin, and agreed on using "Celebrate Kindness" for the text on the pin, and selected the design with the Beverly Hills Shield. The Commission directed staff to order 1,000 pins to arrive in time for Kindness Week in February 2018.

Prior to the Commission meeting, staff reviewed each Commissioner's first, second and third choice of verbiage for the Kindness Card and determined that the following was the most popular:

Celebrate Kindness in Beverly Hills
The Human Relations Commission promotes
positive human relations in all aspects of community life.

MOTION by Popovich Levyn, SECONDED by Saleh to have our Kindness pin be design #1 using the City Shield. (4/0)

AYES: Saleh, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Berman

NOES: None

ABSENT: Friedman

ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED

MOTION by Popovich Levyn, SECONDED by Saleh to have our Commission order a 1,000 Kindness pins. (4/0)

AYES: Saleh, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Berman

NOES: None

ABSENT: Friedman

ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED

6. 2018 Beverly Hills Homeless Count

Human Services staff are currently recruiting volunteers for the Beverly Hills Homeless Count on January 24, 2018. Volunteers can register at: www.theycountwillyou.org

NEW BUSINESS

7. Rotation of Chair and Vice Chair

At the January 18, 2018 Commission meeting, incoming Chair of the Human Relations Commission will be Sonia Berman and the incoming Vice Chair will be Annette Saleh.

8. 2018-19 Community Assistance Grant Fund Process

The FY 18/19 Community Assistance Grant Funding (CAGF) Request for Proposal (RFP) has been announced and proposals will be accepted until 5:00pm Friday, February 2, 2018.

This year the City will again accept applications for cultural grants. These grants must still meet the same basic criteria, but must also be current Beverly Hills organizations that have demonstrated a history of exemplary cultural opportunities which respond to community needs.

For more information, to access the application and to view last year's CAGF recipients, please visit www.beverlyhills.org/cagf

Commissioner Saleh and Vice Chair Berman will serve on the ad hoc committee for the FY 2018-19 CAGF process.

STATUS REPORTS

9. Beverly Hills Ambassador Program

There has been an expectation from residents, City tenants, and some City commissioners to provide further enforcement for the new No Smoking Ordinance. Unfortunately, at this time, there are not enough resources to perform this additional task.

During the month of November 2017, the Beverly Hills Ambassador Operations Manager spent time recruiting new staff since several of his top performing staff were hired by local businesses.

The Commission supports additional funding for the Ambassador Program to correct existing issues.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

10. Administrator's Report

Calendar for 2018 Regular Meetings

- Reviewed

Staff updated the Commission on the following:

- 2017-18 Commission calendar
- Community Services Retirements
- Community Services Department Retreat
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Hearing for 2018-19 Estimated Funds
- Beverly Garden Park Renovations
- Beverly Hills Public Library received the 5-Star Rating again

11. Overview of Current and Pending Agenda Items.

Reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: December 21, 2017 at 10:04 a.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 18th day of January 2018.



Sonia Berman, Chair