



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

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

March 21, 2019
9:00 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: March 21, 2019 / 9:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Beverly Hills Police Sergeant, Sean Smollen, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Saleh read the Civility Statement.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: Vice Chair Blumenfeld

Staff Present: James R. Latta, Linda Kyriazi

Vice Chair Blumenfeld arrived at 9:23 a.m.

Commissioner Friedman departed at 10:03 a.m.

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.

Speakers: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

With the concurrence of the Commission, the Chair may choose to amend the order of the items on the agenda. By order of Chair Saleh, Items #5, #6 & #7 be moved ahead to accommodate guest speakers.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 21, 2019.

MOTION by Friedman, SECONDED by Popovich Levyn to approve the Meeting Minutes. (3/0)

AYES: Friedman, Popovich Levyn, Chair Saleh

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vice Chair Blumenfeld

ABSTAIN: Berman

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

Beverly Hills Unified School District

Since the BHUSD is on Spring Break, a representative wasn't available to attend.

Beverly Hills Police Department

Beverly Hills Police Sergeant, Sean Smollen provided the following update:

- The Police Department had their 3rd Annual Explorer Ceremony.
- A DUI Checkpoint was conducted on Sunday, March 17, 2019 from 4pm – 11pm.
- Neighborhood Watches & Home Inspections have been scheduled. If a resident would like to schedule a home inspection for crime prevention, you can contact Sgt. Smollen at 310-288-2668.
- A Vacation Watch can be scheduled on-line through the Police Department's page on the City of Beverly Hills' website. <http://www.beverlyhills.org/vacationwatch>
- Sign up for NIXLE to receive emergency texts. Text your zip code to 888777 for mobile alerts.
- April 18, 2019 another Coffee with the Cops is scheduled from 8am – 9:30am, location TBD.
- Introduced the crime mapping system which show what types of crimes occurred in specific areas within the City.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Random Acts of Kindness Program

- Commissioner Berman acknowledged the kindness of an approximately 10 year old on a skateboard, who stopped before reaching the Commissioner and her dog, got off the skateboard, tucked it under his arm and said, "Have a good day." Such a mature act for a young person.
- Chair Saleh acknowledged resident Shirin Shayan who found a puppy without any tags. She took the puppy home and with the help of social media, she found the abandoned puppy a home.
- Chair Saleh additionally acknowledged Jennifer Riley, who works at the Principal's office at Beverly Hills High School. After Jennifer delivered the large bag of kindness wristbands that Chair Saleh dropped off, she discovered at the bottom of the bag Chair Saleh's City badge that she had been looking for. Ms. Riley searched for Chair Saleh's contact information to let her know she had her badge.
- Chair Saleh acknowledged Mayor Mirisch's installation speech at the March 21, 2019 reorganization meeting where he mentioned "Kindness in our City" numerous times.

3. FY 2019-20 Community Assistance Grant Fund Process Update

- Chair Saleh informed the Commission that on March 8, 2019 she and Commissioner Berman met with staff to review all the applications. There were twenty-four (24)

applicants, six (6) of which were new and the total ask is approximately \$1.6 million. A meeting has been scheduled for April 8, 2019, along with representatives from the Charitable Solicitations Commission, to meet with several grant applicants to clarify concerns regarding either proposed services or financial issues. The joint ad hoc recommendations will be submitted to each Commission for approval during the regular

April meetings. Next step will be meeting with the City Council liaisons to receive their endorsement to present these recommendations to City Council in May 2019.

4. Perpetual Plaque – Embrace Civility Award Winners

Human Services Administrator James R. Latta, displayed to the Commission the mock-up of the perpetual plaque for the Embrace Civility winners. The Commission liked the mock up and approved ordering the plaque.

- The Embrace Civility nomination form was reviewed and approved for use again for 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

5. 2017 Hate Crime Report

Marshall Wong, Hate Crime Coordinator with the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations, presented the 2017 Hate Crime Executive Summary and Hate Crime Report.

Mr. Wong provided an update on general trends in hate crimes witnessed over the past decade in addition to recent crimes that exemplify those trends.

STATUS REPORTS

6. FY18-19 CAGF: ALA (Affordable Living For the Aging) Presentation/Update

Miriam Hall, Home Share Program Director of Affordable Living for the Aging (ALA), presented to the Commission the services that ALA provides for Beverly Hills residents in addition to providing the detailed steps the organization takes when connecting seniors who need affordable housing with seniors that have spare rooms.

7. Beverly Hills Ambassador Program

Kris Zagyva, Ambassador Program Operations Manager, reviewed the current statistics with the Commission.

- Mr. Zagyva has been discussing changing from the Ambassador's current green uniform and sample uniforms were displayed that were more formal and 2-toned. After viewing and discussing the various options, the Commission agreed on the blue uniform with the patches; one on each arm-side: one with the Information sign the other the Block by Block logo, to include reflective tape, along with a black hat with the white Beverly Hills logo saying "Ambassador." The Ambassador's name will be embroidered on the uniform or displayed with a magnetic name tag.
- The Commission agreed it was a plus that the uniform matched the West Hollywood Ambassadors so both residents and tourists would know they could approach them for assistance.
- The Commission appreciated the graphic display of the statistical report.
- A number of positive online reviews were received this month for the Ambassadors. Staff suggested recognizing these particular Ambassadors for going above and beyond. The Commission agreed that formal recognition of Ambassadors for their great work is appropriate.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

8. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting

- February 13, 2019 Highlights Reviewed.
- Chair Saleh thanked outgoing Mayor Julian Gold for his support of the Human Relations Commission and their Kindness Program through-out the year.
- Chair Saleh congratulated the students of Oakwood School as Executive Producers of the Academy Award winning Documentary Short of 2019, *Period. End of Sentence*.
- Chair Saleh thanked our resident Diane Shader Smith for sharing with the community and the world the memoirs of her late daughter Mallory Smith in the book, *Salt in my Soul; an Unfinished Life*.
- Commissioner Popovich Levyn thanked sales person Natalia, who provided her with a box to bring her souvenirs back into the United States while travelling.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

9. Administrator's Report

- Collaboration with Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) to address bullying.
- Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) Interactive Crime Mapping Website demonstration.
- Community Service's Team Beverly Hills presentation was held on March 6, 2019. Chair Saleh informed the new Team members about the Human Relations Commission and the services they provide to the Community.
- Mayor's Installation was held March 20, 2019.
- Los Angeles Marathon is scheduled for Sunday, March 24 2019.
- Beverly Hills Senior Housing opened up their waiting list for 225 N. Crescent Drive.
- City of Manhattan Beach Request for I.S.O.L.V.E. Homeless Strategy Information.
- Beverly Hills Homeless Collaboration Update: Westside Connect Day.
- Parking structures will soon be equipped with video cameras.
- Calendar for 2019 – 2020 Regular Meetings Reviewed.


10. Overview of Current and Pending Agenda Items

Reviewed

ADJOURNMENT

March 21, 2019 at 10:50 a.m.

PASSED. Approved and Adopted on this 18th day of April 2019.



Annette Saleh, Chair