



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

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

May 17, 2018
9:00 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: May 17, 2018 / 9:02 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Isabel Hacker led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

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

Speakers: Shannon Louis, Field Deputy from Supervisor Kuehl's office, introduced herself.
David Gingold spoke about street concerns at the Beverly Hills Post Office.

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 Berman, the agenda remained as written.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 19, 2018.

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

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

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

Beverly Hills Unified School District

Beverly Hills Unified School District Board Member Isabel Hacker, introduced Lindsey Houlberg, a teacher at El Rodeo School, in addition to El Rodeo School Principal Kevin Allen, who shared and showcased the school's programs that are in-line with the goals of the Human Relations Commission such as their Kind campaign.

Beverly Hills Police Department

Sergeant Sean Smollen provided an update on:

- The Town Hall meeting scheduled for May 23, 2018 being held in the City Council Chambers from 6pm – 8pm
- The current campaign of HIDE IT – TAKE IT – LOCK IT reminding residents and visitors when leaving vehicles to ensure no valuables are stolen.

Chair Berman provided an update from the Mayor's May Cabinet meeting.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Tenant Landlord Forum

Director of Community Development, Susan Healy-Keene, introduced newly hired Deputy Director of Rent Stabilization, Helen Morales and updated the Commission on future staffing.

3. Random Acts of Kindness Program

The Commission spoke about the Random Acts of Kindness they encountered this month. Vice Chair Saleh requested the Kindness program be publicized in the quarterly Community Services catalogue.

4. FY 2018-19 Community Assistance Grant Funding

Chair Berman thanked Vice Chair Saleh in addition to staff for all of the support and work they provided on the Community Assistance Grant Funding project.

Human Services Administrator James Latta, additionally thanked the two Commissions for working together on this project.

- Chair Berman requested quarterly progress reports on the accepted applicants.
- Commissioner Friedman requested to see a progress report from Bet Tzedek.
- Additional changes for next year were discussed and will be considered.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Tenant Landlord Rights and Responsibilities Handbook

- Commissioner Friedman and Administrator James Latta provided comments and corrections they'd like for future updates to the handbook.
- Chair Berman read a letter send to the Commission from resident Rochelle Ginsburg concerning trash issues that she would like the Commission to consider for distribution to welcoming new neighborhood residents. After discussion, the Commission decided more information is needed to consider.

STATUS REPORTS

6. Beverly Hills Ambassador Program

Operation Manager Kris Zagya, presented the current statistics, discussed aggressive panhandling, summer camping and Ambassador Team retention.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

7. Administrator's Report

Human Services Administrator James Latta provided an update on the following:

- Budget Update regarding Rangers and Ambassadors
- City of Beverly Hills Police Department Personnel Complaint Procedure
- May 8, 2018 - Update on a Proposal Ordinance Addressing Loud and Unruly Gatherings
- Calendar for 2018 – 2019 Regular Meetings


8. Overview of Current and Pending Agenda Items

- A photo of a Bully Free Zone sign from Culver City was distributed. The Commission discussed the possibility of Bully Free City or Civility Zone signs. The Commission agreed to have the idea be agendaized for the June Meeting in regards to a location, design, a budget, and the possibility of including the schools.

ADJOURNMENT

May 17, 2018 at 11:37 a.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 21st day of June 2018.



Sonia Berman, Chair