



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

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

April 19, 2018  
9:00 a.m.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: April 19, 2018 / 9:00 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Fire Chief Gregory Barton led the Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

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

Commissioners Absent: None

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.

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 the Chair Berman, Tab 4, 2018 – 2019 was moved ahead due to its length.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 15, 2018.

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

AYES: Friedman, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Saleh

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Berman

CARRIED

**REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES**

Beverly Hills Unified School District

Board Member Noah Margo provided the Commission with an update on school activities which included The Kind Club, National School Walkout Day and school security.

Beverly Hills Police Department  
No representative was able to attend.

Beverly Hills Fire Department  
Fire Chief Gregory Barton, along with EMS Programs Administrator Sean Stokes, provided the Commission with an update on the Fire Department activities which included emergency training, Stop the Bleed and Chronic Homeless Assistance Team programs in addition to the Metro Construction Project.

Chair Berman shared highlights from the March 2018 Mayor's Cabinet Meeting which included the National My Water Pledge Campaign. Residents and employees can sign up at: [www.mywaterpledge.com](http://www.mywaterpledge.com)

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

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

Human Services Administrator, James R. Latta updated the Commission on inquiries from tenants and landlords. Callers were spoke to or redirected to Rent Stabilization.

The two (2) Community Meetings that were held were well attended.

Commissioner Friedman requested a monthly staffing update for the new Rent Stabilization Division.

### **3. Random Acts of Kindness Program**

Human Services Specialist Rachel Events reviewed the draft plan for Kindness Week 2019 with the Commission.

MOTION by Friedman, SECONDED by Saleh move that we maintain a tab for Random Acts of Kindness Program for a monthly update. (5/0)

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **4. 2018-19 Community Assistance Grant Fund Process**

The Human Relations Commission ad-hoc committee, Chair Berman and Vice Chair Saleh, met on March 21, 2018 to review program proposals. In parallel, the Charitable Solicitations Commission (CSC) ad-hoc committee, Vice Chair Safier and Commissioner Schreiber met to review each organization's fiscal status.

On April 2, 2018, the reports were reviewed and the committees met with any organization that required further clarification. A joint report was produced for review by each Commission. Once approved, staff will present recommendations to City Council on May 8, 2018.

MOTION by Friedman, SECONDED by Blumenfeld move to recommend the program proposed by Affordable Living for the Aging for funding in the amount of \$8,500 by City Council. (5/0)

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

MOTION by Friedman, SECONDED by Saleh move to recommend the program proposed by All Saints' Homeless Assistance Program for funding in the amount of \$26,000 by City Council. (5/0)

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

MOTION by Blumenfeld, SECONDED by Friedman move to not fund the program proposed by American Lung Association. (5/0)

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

MOTION by Friedman, SECONDED by Popovich Levyn move to recommend the program proposed by Bet Tzedek for funding in the amount of \$110,000 by City Council. (5/0)

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

MOTION by Popovich Levyn, SECONDED by Blumenfeld move to recommend the program proposed by Beverly Hills Active Adult Club for funding in the amount of \$18,000 by City Council. (5/0)

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

NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
PASSED

MOTION by Popovich Levyn, SECONDED by Friedman move to recommend the program proposed by Beverly Hills CPR for funding in the amount of \$60,000 by City Council. (5/0)

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

MOTION by Popovich Levyn, SECONDED by Friedman move to recommend the program proposed by Beverly Hills Education Foundation for in-kind funding in the amount of \$25,000 by City Council. (5/0)

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

MOTION by Popovich Levyn, SECONDED by Berman move to recommend the program proposed by Cedars-Sinai Medical Care Foundations for funding in the amount of \$8,000 by City Council. (4/1)

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

MOTION by Popovich Levyn, SECONDED by Friedman move to recommend the program proposed by Chiron Center, Inc. for funding in the amount of \$30,000 and in-kind funding by City Council. (5/0)

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

MOTION by Popovich Levyn, SECONDED by Friedman move to recommend the program proposed by Covia/Senior Episcopal Communities for funding in the amount of \$30,000 by City Council. (4/1)

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

MOTION by Friedman, SECONDED by Saleh move to recommend the program proposed by ETTA for funding in the amount of \$30,000 by City Council. (4/1)

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

MOTION by Friedman, SECONDED by Blumenfeld move to not fund the program proposed by the Housing Rights Center. (5/0)

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

MOTION by Friedman, SECONDED by Blumenfeld move to recommend the program proposed by Jewish Family Service for funding in the amount of \$275,000 by City Council. (5/0)

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

MOTION by Friedman, SECONDED by Blumenfeld move to not fund the program proposed by Loving Home Hospice for Children. (5/0)

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

MOTION by Popovich Levyn, SECONDED by Blumenfeld move to recommend the program proposed by People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) for funding in the amount of \$95,000 by City Council. (5/0)

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

MOTION by Blumenfeld, SECONDED by Saleh move to recommend the program proposed by Saban Community Clinic for funding in the amount of \$40,000 by City Council. (5/0)

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

MOTION by Popovich Levyn, SECONDED by Friedman move to recommend the program proposed by Step Up On Second for funding in the amount of \$60,000 by City Council. (5/0)

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

MOTION by Friedman, SECONDED by Popovich Levyn move to recommend the program proposed by The Maple Counseling Center for funding in the amount of \$155,000 by City Council. (5/0)

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

MOTION by Friedman, SECONDED by Popovich Levyn move to recommend the program proposed by Theatre 40 for funding in the amount of \$20,000 by City Council. (4/1)

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

ABSTAIN: None  
PASSED

MOTION by Blumenfeld, SECONDED by Popovich Levyn move to recommend the program proposed by Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts for funding in the amount of \$10,000 by City Council. (5/0)

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

MOTION by Popovich Levyn, SECONDED by Friedman move to recommend the program proposed by Westside Food Bank for funding in the amount of \$110,000 by City Council. (5/0)

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

## STATUS REPORTS

### 5. Beverly Hills Ambassador Program

Human Services Administrator, James R. Latta reviewed with the Commission the monthly statistics in addition to the new requested responsibilities of the Ambassadors.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

### 6 Administrator's Report

Staff provided updates on the following:

- The new HRC Council Liaisons are Councilmembers Bosse and Friedman
- The new Supervising Ranger is Ranger Juan Andrade
- The new Human Services Administrative Clerk is Hortensia Gomez-Tirella
- Congratulations to Commissioner Blumenfeld for his nomination to the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Strategic Planning Committee
- Article included: *When it Comes to Helping Mentally Ill Homeless Individuals, the Challenges are Steep*, Los Angeles Downtown News, April 2, 2018
- Article included: Homeless Initiative / Measure H Messaging

Calendar for 2018 Regular Meetings

The Commission and staff agreed to cancel the July meeting.

7. Overview of Current and Pending Agenda Items

Reviewed

- Commission Friedman requested the current version of the Landlord Tenant Rights and Responsibilities Handbook be provided to the Commissioners.
- The Commission agreed to hear the updated Hate Crime report from the Los Angeles Human Relations Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT**

April 19, 2018 at 12:03 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2018.

  
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Sonia Berman, Chair