



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

October 18, 2018

9:00 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: October 18, 2018 / 9:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Sergeant Eric Olson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Berman read the Civility Statement.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: Popovich Levyn

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.

Chair Berman read the Legislative Statement.

Speakers: Jeff Bils spoke to the Commission about an incident he encountered.

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, agenda items were moved to accommodate speakers in addition to the Great California Shake-Out.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 26, 2018.

MOTION by Saleh, SECONDED by Friedman to approve the Meeting Minutes as written. (3/0)

AYES: Friedman, Vice Chair Saleh, Chair Berman

NOES: None

ABSENT: Popovich Levyn

ABSTAIN: Blumenfeld

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

Beverly Hills Unified School District

- School Board Member Isabel Hacker was unable to attend this month's Commission meeting, so she provided an update for Chair Berman to read.

Beverly Hills Police Department

Sergeant Eric Olson updated the Commission on the following:

- Cops, Cars & Coffee event
- The Police Department offers a free service of safety home inspections. Contact the department for an appointment.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Tenant Landlord Forum

- Chair Berman informed the Commission that Mayor Gold is planning to complete the Rent Stabilization Ordinance by the end of the year. The second public meeting is currently being held for input from residents.

3. Random Acts of Kindness Program

The Commission spoke about the Random Acts of Kindness they encountered this month.

- Vice Chair Saleh gave a shout-out to four citizens for their Random Act of Kindness: Emily Wolken, Karla Gordy Bristol, Todd Johnson and Steve Geller.
- Chair Berman gave a shout-out to Fire Marshall David Perusse.
- Chair Berman suggested providing bracelets for students for bullying prevention for Kindness Week.

4. Embrace Civility Award

- Human Services Specialist Rachel Evans provided an update on the Embrace Civility Award that the Commission presented to two recipients at the October 16, 2018 City Council Meeting.
- The Commission discussed how the event was scheduled and suggested possible changes for next year.
- Commissioner Blumenfeld suggesting creating an Embrace Civility plaque where the recipient's name could be added each year.

5. Civility Month

James Latta, Human Services Administrator, provided an update on October being Civility Month:

- The "October is Civility Month" banners are up in the Beverly Hills Public Library and over the Library Parking Structure.
- The Beverly Hills schools hung their Bully Free Zone Civility Banners.
- Posters were displayed at all the City Parking Garages, Community Centers and at the Library.
- The proofs of the Civility pins were reviewed.

MOTION by Saleh, SECONDED by Blumenfeld to approve the Civility pin design. (4/0)

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

- Discussed the need to order new Embrace Civility Banners for display at the Civic Center.
- Vice Chair Saleh thanked Chair Berman and staff for the Letter To The Editor that was submitted as positive feedback was received.

NEW BUSINESS

6. The Great California ShakeOut

The Commission participated in The Great California ShakeOut drill that was held at 10:18 a.m.

STATUS REPORTS

7. Beverly Hills Ambassador Program

Kris Zagya, Ambassador Program Operations Manager, provided an update to the Commission

- Ambassadors at the schools: Ambassadors will be decreased at the schools in December 2018, but their regular schedule will still be maintained.
- Motorized scooters: Appear to be decreasing in the Business Triangle. Abandoned scooters are photographed and reported to the police.
- Smoking Ordinance Program: Beginning with education and information to the local businesses.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

8. Administrator's Report

Chair Berman reported on the September 2018 Mayor's Cabinet Meeting.

- When you receive your electricity bill in February 2019, you will start seeing two charges; one for procurement and one for delivery as the electricity will now be purchased from the CPA and Edison will be delivering it.
- Chair Berman reviewed with the Commission the Agenda items that City Council was discussing at their Special Meeting on October 18, 2018, which included a Presentation Of Final HR&A Advisors Inc. report and discussion of possible amendments to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance.

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

- Second La Cienega Park & Recreation Complex Town Hall Meeting being held Wednesday, October 24 at 7:00 pm at La Cienega Community Center.
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training.

- 2018 – 2019 Commission calendar was reviewed. Commissioners Friedman and Saleh will not be available to attend the December meeting.


9. Overview of Current and Pending Agenda Items

- Rent Stabilization update: Updated handbook to be finalized. The Commission requested reviewing a draft copy.
- Priority Exercise scheduled for January 2019, but will appear in the November packet for review.
- Continue with Embrace Civility Banners for the Civic Center Plaza area around City hall. Staff to provide cost for new ones.

ADJOURNMENT

October 18, 2018 at 10:40 a.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 15th day of November 2018.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sonia Berman, Chair". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Sonia Berman, Chair