



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

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

January 18, 2018  
9:00 a.m.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Police Sergeant Sean Smollen 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.

Mark Elliot spoke to the Commission about the Community Assistance Grant Fund and the Commission's Workplan.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

By order of the Chair, Tab 6, Rotation of Commission Chair and Vice Chair, was moved up to Tab 1.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 21, 2017.

MOTION by Vice Chair Saleh, SECONDED by Popovich Levyn to approve the Meeting Minutes. (5/0)

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

**REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES**

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

Beverly Hills Police Department

Police Sergeant Sean Smollen provided an update to the Commission.

- The Golden Globe Awards show was held Sunday, January 7, 2018. Wilshire Boulevard was shut down with no incidents to report.
- North Santa Monica Boulevard project is now in Phase 3 of 3 Phases. Duration estimated at 3 months. Traveler's are encourage to use South Santa Monica Boulevard.
- Coffee with the Cops will be held quarterly with one scheduled on January 31, 2018, 8am – 9:30am at the Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, 445 N. Beverly Drive.

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

MOTION by Friedman, SECONDED by Saleh to support the City Council in their adopting a Resolution in support of the protests in Iran. (5/0)

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

**CONTINUED BUSINESS**

2. Tenant Landlord Forum

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

3. Human Relations Commission 2018 Work Plan Exercise

The Commission agreed to table the Work Plan Review to focus on February's Kindness Week.

4. Random Acts of Kindness

The new Kindness pins and cards were distributed and approved. The list of possible activities was reviewed and discussed.

Recreation Supervisor Jennifer Leuning informed the Commission of the activities that the Beverly Hills Teen Advisory Committee have planned for Kindness Week, February 11 – February 16, 2018, and coordinated with the Commission's plans.

- Sunday, Farmers' Market booth at 9am to 1pm for card signing and will be staffed by Vice Chair Saleh and Commissioners Popovich Levyn and Friedman.

- Monday, Walk With The Mayor. The Commission will speak about the program prior to the walk.
- Tuesday, Reading a book about Kindness to pre-walkers at Baby Storytime at the Beverly Hills Public Library.
- Wednesday, deliver student Valentine's Day cards to seniors
- Thursday, Human Relations Commission Meeting
- Friday, Reading a book about Kindness at Hawthorne Preschool with Beverly Hills Public Library Librarians

5. 2018 Beverly Hills Homeless Count

Human Services Rachel Evans reminded the Commission of the 2018 Homeless Count being held on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 8pm – 1am at Beverly Hills City Hall

6. Rotation of Commission Chair and Vice Chair

The Commission rotated Chair and Vice Chair per Ordinance No. 15-O-2673. Commissioner Friedman was presented with a gavel and thanked for his contributions to the Commission during his term in 2017.

7. 2018 – 19 Community Assistance Grant Fund Process

Human Services Administrator James Latta reviewed the 2018—2019 Community Assistance Grant Fund Process.  
The Commission requested reviewing the 2017 Progress Reports of the recipients.

**NEW BUSINESS**

8. North Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project

Reviewed.

**STATUS REPORTS**

9. Beverly Hills Ambassador Program

Human Services Administrator James Latta and Operations Manager Kris Zagya will be presenting at Team Beverly Hills this evening.  
The Ambassador monthly statistics were reviewed.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

10. Administrator's Report  
Calendar for 2018 Regular Meetings

- Reviewed

Commissioner Parking Permits

- Reviewed

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Hearing for 2018-19 Estimated Funds  
- January 22, 2018 requesting approval of estimated funds at City Council Meeting

**Beverly Gardens Park Renovations**

- Director of Community Services Nancy Hunt-Coffey updated the Commission on the progress. The Commission thanked the Cheryl Saban Designs team for their donation.

Beverly Hills Unified School District Board Member Isabel Hacker will be the Commission's new representative for 2018.

The Commission requested that a representative from the Beverly Hills Fire Department provide an update on a quarterly basis.

11. Overview of Current and Pending Agenda Items.  
Reviewed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

January 18, 2018 at 11:05 a.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018.

  

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Sonia Berman, Chair