



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

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

June 21, 2018  
9:00 a.m.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: June 21, 2018 / 9:01 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Commissioner Friedman 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, Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Jessica Barragan

**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:**

- David Gingold spoke about civility and his request for a crosswalk at the Beverly Hills Post Office.
- Rochelle Ginsburg spoke introduced a new idea for the Commission to welcome all new residents to Beverly Hills.

**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 was amended to accommodate guests.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 21, 2018.

The minutes were approved. (5/0)

CARRIED

**REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES**

Beverly Hills Unified School District

Beverly Hills Unified School District Board Member Isabel Hacker, updated the Commission on the District graduations and Summer Programs.

Beverly Hills Police Department  
No representative was available to attend.

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

### **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

2. Tenant Landlord Forum  
Human Services Administrator, James R. Latta updated the Commission on inquiries from tenants and landlords.
3. Random Acts of Kindness Program  
The Commission spoke about the Random Acts of Kindness they encountered this month.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

4. Los Angeles County 2016 Hate Crime Report  
Marshall Wong, Hate Crime Coordinator with the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations, presented the 2016 Hate Crime Report to the Commission.
5. Bully Free Zone  
The Commission and staff discussed possible objectives of the Bully Free Zone:
  - Location was discussed, such as the Teen Zone in the Library; the Commission agreed that the School District should also be involved.
  - The Commission agreed to test the program with poster boards being placed in the library and both Roxbury and La Cienega parks.
  - Staff will prepare a report for the August Commission Meeting in addition to samples of poster boards.
  - Bully Free Zone language will be used when working with the schools and Civility Zone language will be used when working with the City.

MOTION by Friedman, SECONDED by Saleh to prepare banners for Civility Zone and Bully Free posters to be placed throughout the City at designated locations to be determined. (4/1)

AYES: Friedman, Blumenfeld, Saleh, Berman

NOES: Popovich Levyn

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED

### **6. Embrace Civility Award**

Human Services Specialist, Rachel Evans, updated the Commission on this year's Embrace Civility Award.

- It was agreed to launch the 2018 Award at the July Mayor's Cabinet meeting and ways to publicize were discussed.

**7. Conflict of Interest Code**

Every Commission is asked by the City Clerk's office to review the yearly Conflict of Interest Code.

MOTION by Berman, SECONDED by Saleh: I move to adopt the 2018 Conflict of Interest Code, Exhibits A and B for the Human Relations Commission of the City of Beverly Hills as presented. (5/0)

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED

**STATUS REPORTS**

**8. Beverly Hills Ambassador Program**

Human Services Administrator James Latta provided an update on the Ambassador Program and the request for more coverage at the schools and the Community Service programs.

- Commissioner Blumenfeld requested that until the City passes an ordinance regarding the Bird scooters, that the Ambassadors log the scooters that they have to prop upright or lean against something.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

**9. Administrator's Report**

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

- The City budget for the Human Services Division
- The Community Assistant Grant Fund
- Chronic Homeless Assistance Team (CHAT)
- Community Services Summer Camp programs
- Calendar for 2018 – 2019 Regular Meetings

**10. Overview of Current and Pending Agenda Items**

- Informing the Community what the Human Services Division in addition to the Human Relations Commission, provides for the Community.

**ADJOURNMENT**

June 21, 2018 at 11:28 a.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 2018.



Sonia Berman, Chair