



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

August 17, 2017

9:00 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: August 17, 2017 / 9:09 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director of Community Services Nancy Hunt Coffey.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: None

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.

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Friedman approved the agenda as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 15, 2017.

MOTION by Berman, SECONDED by Popovich Levyn to approve the Meeting Minutes with noted corrections. (5/0)

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

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

Beverly Hills Police Department
Due to the power outages in the area, no representative was able to attend.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Tenant Landlord Forum

Human Services Administrator James R. Latta updated the Commission on the new CAGF contract with Bet Tzedek. If anyone has an issue, they can contact Human Services at 310-285-1006 and be put in contact with a Bet Tzedek lawyer to interpret any issues with the new Ordinance.

Resident Robert Rosen attended the Commission meeting and spoke about a Code Enforcement Issue.

3. Embrace Civility Award

- Chair Friedman requested the support of the Embrace Civility Award requesting nominations be submitted for people deserving of the award.
- Human Services Specialist Rachel Evans updated the Commission on the advertising and distribution of the nomination form.
- The presentation of the award is scheduled for October 17, 2017, at the City Council meeting as October is Civility Month in the City of Beverly Hills.

4. Bullying Prevention Video Contest

Human Services Specialist Rachel Evans updated the Commission on the advertising and distribution of the Bullying Prevention Video Contest flyer in addition to the newspaper press it has generated thus far.

The Commission and staff reviewed the flyer along with suggested changes and an updated flyer will be distributed.

The deadline for the video submittal is September 15, 2017 and the winners will be recognized, along with the Embrace Civility Award winner, at the October 17, 2017 City Council Meeting.

To contribute to the cash award, please submit a check by October 1, 2017 to City of Beverly Hills, Attention: Gisele Grable, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Room 260, Beverly Hills, California 90210. **The check should be made out to: Beverly Hills Community Charitable Foundation and noted in the memo line for the Bullying Prevention Video Contest.** The donations fall under section 501(c)(3) for tax-deductible donations.

5. Civility Month

October will be Civility Month in the City of Beverly Hills. The Commission requested four Civility Month banners to hang in the Library, and if possible, at the entrance of the Rexford parking structure. The Commission would also like sandwich boards displayed outside for key City parking structures.

The Commission reviewed the banner design options and agreed on banner option #2 using the floral pattern from option #1.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Random Acts of Kindness

The Commission agreed to begin with a preliminary Random Acts of Kindness Program at the September 28 meeting, consisting of tab where Commissioners could announce any acts of kindness they had witnessed in the community. Two Commissioners agreed to informally discuss the Random Acts of Kindness Program, and what criteria or rules they would like the program to follow. The Commission would like to hear about award programs that other City Commissions are offering. In addition, the Commission is interested in hearing about other existing Random Acts of Kindness programs similar to what they are proposing.

STATUS REPORTS

7. Beverly Hills Ambassador Program

Chair Friedman announced there was a drop in the City's parking lot checks because the garages are now more secure due to the presence of the Ambassadors.

Staff added that with the Mayor's BOLD program, the City is now looking at 24-hour coverage of the Ambassadors. Ambassadors will continue coverage at BHUSD schools, and may continue the coverage for a couple of months.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

8. Administrator's Report Calendar for 2017 – 2018 Regular Meetings

Human Services Administrator James R. Latta updated the Commission on the following items:

- June 29, 2017 – Council approved Bet Tzedek as the provider for Housing Rights Legal Services.
- Staff finalized FY 2017-18 CAGF and other Human Services related agreements.
- August 1, 2017 National Night Out hosted by the Beverly Hills Police Department.
- August 8, 2017 City Council decided to wait for the stakeholder facilitation process to conclude and consider Professor Singh's findings before addressing the funding of the rent stabilization program.
- Santa Monica Boulevard repaving update.
- Beverly Hills Open Later Days (BOLD) Events.

- "Creating a Mental Health Team." California Peace Officers Association | CPOA. California Peace Officers Association, June 30, 2017. <https://cpoa.org/creating-mental-health-team/>.
- "LAPD's HOPE teams' sees results in cleaning up homeless camps" Los Angeles Daily News, April 4, 2017.
- September 11, 2017 – Senior Health Fair to be held at Roxbury Park from 10am – 2pm.
- September 23, 2017 – Next Night Block Party on South Beverly Drive from 6pm – 11pm.
- 2017-18 Commission calendar.

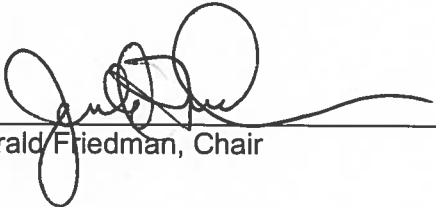
9 .Overview of Current and Pending Agenda Items

- If the facilitation meeting completes and funding is discussed, staff from the Community Development Division will attend the September Commission meeting for an update.
- Next Month's Agenda: Recognition programs and Acts of Kindness

ADJOURNMENT

August 17, 2017 at 10:57 a.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28 DAY of September, 2017



Jerald Friedman, Chair