



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

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

August 16, 2018
9:00 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: August 16, 2018 / 9:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Police Sergeant Sean Smollen 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: 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.

Chair Berman read the Legislative Statement.

Speakers: Resident Mark Elliot spoke on Tab. #5: Tenant Landlord Rights and Responsibilities Handbook

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 #5 & #6 were moved to accommodate guest speakers

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

MOTION by Saleh, SECONDED by Friedman to approve the Meeting Minutes as corrected; Motion on Item #7 was amended. (5/0)

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

Beverly Hills Unified School District

- No representative was available to attend.

Beverly Hills Police Department

- Police Sergeant Sean Smollen updated the Commission on the successful 2018 National Night Out.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Tenant Landlord Forum

James R. Latta, Human Services Administrator, updated the Commission on inquiries from tenants and landlords. Staff continues to receive complaints from the online email link where tenants or landlords with complaints can ask for assistance. The consultants from HR&A provided their rent control recommendations to City Council.

3. Random Acts of Kindness Program

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

- Vice Chair Saleh recognized Recreation and Parks Commissioner Julian Javor for his constant work and many acts of Kindness in rescuing, sheltering and adopting dogs as a volunteer pilot for the nonprofit organization, Pilots N Paws Pet Rescue Services.
- Chair Berman reiterated a story from the Beverly Hills Courier where a local real estate agent was involved in helping the Beverly Hills police reunite a lost dog with its owner.
- Commissioner Popovich Levyn gave a shout-out to the Beverly Hills Ambassadors, specifically for all their hard work in the heat of summer.
- Vice Chair Saleh suggested a Frisbee disc as a promotional gift for Kindness Week participants.

4. Embrace Civility Award

Rachel Evans, Human Services Specialist, provided an update. Staff is continuing to encourage the Community to submit their nomination form that can be found online, at all the City Parks, City Hall, and various City offices.

Vice Chair Saleh suggested that since school is back in session, to submit the press release for their school newsletters.

5. Tenant Landlord Rights and Responsibilities Handbook

Helen Morales, Deputy Director of Rent Stabilization, reviewed with the Commission the July 2018 Handbook.

Public Speaker Mark Elliot read his letter to the Commission regarding the comments he had about the Handbook. The Commission, along with Ms. Morales, discussed and reviewed the questions and suggestions.

Information on Beverly Hills' Rent Stabilization can be found at the following location:

<http://www.beverlyhills.org/citygovernment/departments/communitydevelopment/codecompliance/bhrent/>

NEW BUSINESS

6. Commission's Role in Receiving Complaints

Sergeant Eric Olson, from the Professional Standards Unit (Internal Affairs), updated the Commission on the process of receiving public complaints. As an alternative, citizens not wishing to file a complaint directly with the Beverly Hills Police Department may do so with the Human Relations Commission, who has the authority to receive citizen complaints concerning the interactions of City employees with the public.

7. I.S.O.L.V.E. Homeless Strategy

Human Services Administrator James Latta reviewed the City's history of developing a plan to manage homelessness.

The acronym I.S.O.L.V.E. represents: Identification; Services; Outreach; Limits; Vulnerable / Volatile and Evaluation. Staff discussed each aspect of the I.S.O.L.V.E. strategy and how the Commissioners can actively participate.

8. Civility Month

Rachel Evans, Human Services Specialist, provided an update on the schedule of events for October 2018 Civility Month.

- It was agreed to reuse the Civility Month posters and banners.
- The Commission provided their notes for edits to the Bully Free Zone banners.
- Staff to provide a draft, submit to Commissioners for approval and email the Superintendent of Schools.
- Vice Chair Saleh and Commissioner Blumenfeld will attend the September 27, 2018, PTA Council Meeting to provide information on Civility Month and the Bully Free Zone banner at each school.
- The Commission agreed to announce Civility Month in advance at the September 17, 2018 City Council Meeting.

STATUS REPORTS

9. Beverly Hills Ambassador Program

Kris Zagya, Ambassador Program Operations Manager, provided an update to the Commission on Ambassadors at the schools, motorized scooters and the Smoking Ordinance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

10. Administrator's Report

Nancy Hunt Coffey, Director of Community Services, provided an update on the La Cienega Park and Recreation Complex Outreach.

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

- National Night Out that was held on August 7, 2018
- Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights

- City Council Bans Motorized Scooters, June 24, 2018
- Rotary ISOLVE Presentation, July 30, 2018
- BOLD Update
- Rent Stabilization Programs' Revised Notice of Public Meetings
- Beverly Hills Active Adult Club Recognizing Caregivers
- Household Hazardous & E-Waste Recycling Round-Up, September 15, 2018
- Senior Health Fair, September 17, 2018, 10am – 2pm
- Calendar for 2018 – 2019 Regular Meetings
 - o Due to staff unavailability, all agreed to reschedule the September Human Relations Commission Meeting to Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 9am.

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

- The Commission agreed to provide suggestions for the Welcome To Beverly Hills information resource guide to staff. Staff to provide the Commission with submitted letter by former Commissioner Ginsburg.

ADJOURNMENT

August 16, 2018 at 12:09 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 26th day of September 2018.

Sonia Berman, Chair

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