



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

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

March 16, 2017
9:00 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: March 16, 2017 / 9:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lisa Korbatov.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: Saleh

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.

Michael Newman spoke on the Tenant Landlord issue.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Friedman amended the agenda by moving Tab #6, Beverly Hills Ambassador Program, ahead of Tabs #4 and #5 to accommodate the schedule of our guest speaker.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 16, 2017.

MOTION by Popovich Levyn, SECONDED by Berman to approve both the Meeting Minutes as presented. (4/0)

AYES: Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Berman, Friedman

NOES: None

ABSENT: Saleh

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

Beverly Hills Unified School District

Vice President Lisa Korbato provided an update.

- Ms. Korbato provided the Commission information on BHUSD student enrollment, teacher salaries and possible teacher layoffs.

Beverly Hills Police Department

Sergeant Max Subin provided an update.

- Residential Burglary has spiked and a Task Force has been organized.
- Coffee with the Cops series was very successful.
- Neighborhood Watch – getting back to basics: locking windows and doors, proper lighting, keep newspapers and mail off the porch.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Tenant Landlord Forum

- There were not any speakers at the Forum.

3. Tenant Landlord Update from February 21, City Council Formal Meeting

Human Services Administrator James R. Latta updated the Commission on the status of the Tenant Landlord Forum. The program is moving to Community Development for details to be worked on such as Rent Stabilization, housing and inspection issues. During this transition period staff will be working with Code Enforcement Officer Nestor Otazu.

Director of Community Services Nancy Hunt-Coffey thanked the Commission for their hard work and all of the time the Commissioners spent on the project. The Human Relations Commission will continue to be a forum for any landlord or tenant who wants to speak on any issue they are having.

Code Enforcement Officer Nestor Otazu updated the Commission on the role that the Community Development will be handling. They will be fielding calls in addition to helping people with code compliance. A professional facilitator will be scheduling roundtable meetings with the community so issues from both landlords and tenants can be discussed as City Council directed. These series of meetings will be scheduled at various times allowing the public to participate. Staff will also be meeting with employees from the City of Los Angeles to have a closer look at their systems.

4. Community Assistance Grant Fund FY 2017-18

Human Services Administrator James R. Latta updated the Commission on the status of the Community Assistant Grant Fund. Nineteen applications were received. An ad hoc meeting with the Charitable Solicitations Commission will be scheduled prior to April 12, 2017.

5. Human Relations Work Plan Review

The Commission decided to move forward with Bullying Prevention video priority and have not decided on a second or third priority at this time.

MOTION by Berman, SECONDED by Friedman: The Human Relations Commission wants the Bullying Prevention Video Contest and wants staff to use their best efforts to have all of its documentation including projected dates for the next meeting. (4/0)

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

NEW BUSINESS

None

STATUS REPORTS

6. Beverly Hills Ambassador Program

Operations Manager Kris Zagyva provided an update on the monthly statistics of the Ambassador Program.

Staff congratulated Kris on receiving the Horizon Award presented to him for being a top performer.

7. 2017 Beverly Hills Homeless Count

Human Services Specialist, Rachel Evans updated the Commission on the 2017 Homeless Count that the Human Services Department hosted on January 25, 2017. Over 49 community volunteers, in partnership with the Beverly Hills Ambassador Team, Beverly Hills Police Department Bike Patrol Team, and the Changing Lives and Sharing Places (CLASP) Outreach Team, participated in Beverly Hills Count. Twenty-two homeless individuals were counted in the City that night.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

8. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting

The Meeting Minutes of the March meeting were provided to the Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

9. Administrator's Report

Staff provided updates on the following:

- Update on the Assistant Director for Community Services hiring process.
- CDBG Public Hearing

- City Council Installation scheduled for March 28, 2017

10. Overview of Current and Pending Agenda Items
Reviewed.

11. Calendar for 2017 Regular Meetings

The Commission requested staff look into rescheduling the September meeting as it falls on a holiday.

MOTION by Blumenfeld, SECONDED by Berman: I move that we change out September 21, 2017 9am meeting to September 28, 2017 at 9am. (4/0)

AYES: Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Berman, Friedman

NOES: None

ABSENT: Saleh

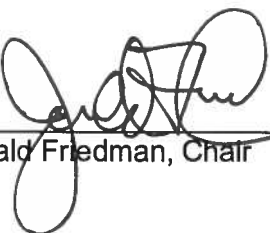
ABSTAIN: None

PASSED

ADJOURNMENT

March 16, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 20 DAY of April, 2017



Jerald Friedman, Chair