



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

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

March 15, 2018
9:00 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: March 15, 2018 / 9:01 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Friedman, Popovich Levyn, Vice Chair Saleh

Commissioners Absent: Chair Berman

Staff Present: James R. Latta, Rachel L. Evans, Linda Kyriazi

Commissioner Blumenfeld arrived at 9:25 a.m.

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: None

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 the Vice Chair, Tab 8, Beverly Hills Ambassador Program will be moved ahead to accommodate speakers.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 15, 2018.

MOTION by Friedman, SECONDED by Popovich Levyn to approve the Meeting Minutes.
(3/0)

AYES: Friedman, Popovich Levyn, Saleh

NOES: None

ABSENT: Blumenfeld, Berman

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

Beverly Hills Unified School District

Governing Board Member Isabel Hacker, along with Student Board member and Associated Student Body (ASB) Vice President, provided the Commission with an update on the activities that they have been directly involved in planning and participating in that students have benefited from. The Commission plans on working with the ASB in the future on their projects aimed at the high schools.

Beverly Hills Police Department
No representative was able to attend.

Beverly Hills Fire Department
No representative was able to attend.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Tenant Landlord Forum

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

3. Rent Stabilization Update

Susan Healy Keene, Director of Community Development, along with Evelin Welch, Management Analyst, presented a summary of the current status of the Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) and the continued challenges for 2018.

The following additional two workshops have been scheduled. The content for both workshops will be identical:

Wednesday, April 11th, 6:30pm – 8:00pm, Roxbury Park Community Center, Room B
Saturday, April 14th, 9am – 10:30am, Roxbury Park Community Center, Room B

4. Human Relations Commission 2018 Work Plan

Human Services Administrator, James R. Latta reviewed with the Commission the 2018 priorities that were discussed last meeting:

- Bullying Prevention Video Contest
- Embrace Civility Award
- Civility Month
- Random Acts of Kindness Program/Kindness Week

In addition to the ongoing City Council Priorities.

- Community Assistance Grant Fund
- Beverly Hills Ambassador Program
- Tenant / Landlord Forum

5. Random Acts of Kindness Program Review

The Commission and staff reviewed the success of the first Act of Kindness project for 2018 and agreed to continue with the project and be prepared to start earlier in the year as far as publicity, working with the Teen Advisory Committee in addition to the schools.

MOTION by Friedman, SECONDED by Popovich Levyn move that the Commission requests staff to prepare a plan and timeline for advertising the Kindness Week, how long it takes, etc. and present it as soon as possible. (4/0)

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

NEW BUSINESS

6. 2018-19 Community Assistance Grant Fund Process

Human Services Administrator, James R. Latta updated the Commission on the status of the 2018 – 2019 Community Assistance Grant Fund Applications. The Ad Hoc packets are being compiled and will be distributed to both Chair Berman and Vice Chair Saleh prior to the meeting scheduled for March 21, 2018.

7. Panhandling Alternatives – Parking Meter Programs

The Commission expressed interest in learning more about the Parking Meter Program as an avenue to assistant organizations in helping the homeless. After reviewing the past results and statistics of this program, the Commission decided to pursue other options in helping the homeless community.

STATUS REPORTS

8. Beverly Hills Ambassador Program

Kris Zagyyva, Operation Manager, presented the current statistics and discussed enlarging the Ambassador Team in addition to their deployment area since their presence has been requested at the Beverly Hills schools.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

9 Administrator's Report

- March 8, 2018, Vice Chair Saleh represented the Commission during the Community Services Department Team Beverly Hills event.
- New Admin Clerk for Human Services.
- Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 7 pm, Mayor and Vice Mayor Installation Ceremony, held at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences, 8949 Wilshire Boulevard. Residents are invited to attend the ceremony held in the Samuel Goldwyn Theater.
- Continued requests for additional Ranger and Ambassador coverage for special events.

Calendar for 2018 Regular Meetings
Reviewed.

10. Overview of Current and Pending Agenda Items
Reviewed

ADJOURNMENT

March 15, 2018 at 11:21 a.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 19th day of April 2018.



Sonia Berman, Chair