ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m.

Present: Pease, Meshkaty, Ginsburg, Sherman, Linder, Nazarian, Yousem
Absent: None

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES
1. Minutes of April 15, 2010

MOVED by Yousem, SECONDED by Linder to approve as presented (7/0)

AYES: Pease, Meshkaty, Ginsburg, Sherman, Linder, Nazarian, Yousem
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
CARRIED

ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE
Christine Skirmuntt, a member of the Beverly Hills Neighborhood Watch committee, proposed the idea to the Commission of involving local schools in the collection of items for the Donation Calendar.

CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

Tab 2. COMMISSION REPORTS:
HRC LIAISON
♦ Jeff Kolin, Beverly Hills City Manager, spoke to the Commission about his background and experience that led to becoming a City Manager. Kolin asked that each commissioner introduce themselves and share the reasons why they chose serve on the Commission. During a question and answer period, Kolin described the challenges and frustrations of the tough budget decisions as a result of the economy on local government. Kolin also spoke about several City projects that are currently being considered.
♦ Dr. Brian Goldberg of the Beverly Hills Unified School District was not in attendance.
♦ Beverly Hills Police Department Sergeant Michael Publicker addressed the Commission on suicide and crime statistics, as well as an incident involving a
swastika drawn on a vehicle, a murder-suicide and a stabbing incident in West Hollywood by a mentally ill woman.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT
1. Human Services Division responsibilities:
   - Emergency Operation Center (EOC) liaison officer to community schools and faith-based organizations.
   - Crisis intervention and response to police, fire, code enforcement, library, rangers, and resident requests regarding individuals in need of service.
   - Administration of Community Assistance Grant fund program
   - Administration of Changing Lives and Sharing Places (CLASP) homeless outreach program; Chair, Beverly Hills Homeless Collaboration meeting
   - Staff liaison to the Human Relations Commission
   - Division administrative responsibilities
   - Youth in Government Program; Career Day liaison
   - Staff liaisons to Beverly Hills senior programs
   - Represent City at regional meetings (e.g., Westside Council of Governments-Homeless Issues Sub-Committee; Westside Mental Health Network; Co-Chair Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission Network Against Hate Crime)
   - Preparation of print material copy, photos, presentation packets and flyers
   - Other duties as assigned.
2. Neighborhood Watch meetings:
   - Presentations on internet safety, Human Services, Health & Safety Commission, DCS, Team Beverly Hills and counterfeit currency.
3. Cultural Diversity training for HRC April 29, 2010 (see tab 3)
4. HRC work plan goals (see tab 4)
5. Big Sunday May 2, 2010 CLASP project (see tab 6)
6. Jeff Kolin, City Manager City of Beverly Hills
7. City Budget update for FY 2010-11
8. Save-the-Date: City Hall Closed for Monday May 31, 2010 for Memorial Day
10. BHPD & District - Human Services Administrator Latta informed the Commission that going forward, liaisons will only report to the Commission when they have something to report or if they are requested to report by the Commission.

BREAK
• Commissioners took a five-minute break.

CHAIR
• Mayor’s Cabinet meeting: Chairperson Yousem gave a summary of the Mayor’s Cabinet meeting.
Tab 3. KALEIDOSCOPE INSTITUTE CULTURAL DIVERSITY TRAINING:
Latta briefly spoke about the reactions from evaluation forms each participant submitted following the April 29, 2010 Diversity Training, and asked the Commission to consider what direction it wished to take in the future with regards to further training. Commissioners reflected on the training and shared their reactions with each other, and requested the Community Outreach Ad Hoc Committee meet before the next meeting to consider the Commissioners' collective comments and come back with a recommendation at the June 17, 2010 meeting.

Tab 4. SIX MONTH REVIEW OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION GOALS:
Commission discussed the status of their short-term and long-term goals and had an informal discussion on topics of interest for consideration when the next work plan is established in September. Some of the topics of interest mentioned included working with seniors, a roll-out plan for the election civility statement, panhandling, HRC awards and the oil well tower on the grounds of the high school.

Tab 5. UPWARD BOUND HOUSE FAMILY SHELTER BACK TO SCHOOL ITEMS:
The Commission was asked to consider whether purchasing backpacks wholesale and school supplies in bulk at a cost estimated at under $20 per backpack, and costs recovered through sponsorships from the community was an option for fulfilling a pledge to provide back-to-school supplies to Upward Bound House Family Shelter in August.

The Commission did not support this option. The pledge was removed from future Commission consideration.

Tab 6. REVIEW OF “BIG SUNDAY” EVENT TO SUPPORT CLASP PROGRAM:
Commissioners reflected on their participation in the “Big Sunday” event, which took place on May 2, 2010. The event brought together over 50 members of the community who all helped to assemble bags of various essential items such as food, water and hygiene supplies for the CLASP homeless outreach and engagement program.

Tab 7. CONSIDERATION OF INQUIRY REGARDING CREATION OF A HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION COMMUNITY AWARD:
Due to time constraints, Commissioners agreed to re-visit the topic of adding to the work plan consideration of creating a Human Relations Commission community award at a future meeting.

Tab 8. CALENDAR 2010 COMMISSION MEETING DATES
Commission was provided with upcoming meeting dates. Staff recorded Commissioners
planned absences on the calendar.

**COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS INCLUDING TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Commission expressed interest in starting a project to remodel the oil tower on the Beverly Hills High School campus.

**GOOD AND WELFARE**
- Commission urged everyone to shop at Whole Foods Market in Beverly Hills on June 9, 2010, as 5% of the profits that day will go to the Friends of the Library.
- Chairperson Yousem posed the question to the Commission for future consideration: should she continue addressing Commissioners by their last names, or begin using first names. No consensus was reached.

**ADJOURNMENT at 12:46 p.m.**

MOVED by Meshkaty, SECONDED by Linder to adjourn meeting at 12:46 p.m. (7/0)

AYES: Pease, Meshkaty, Ginsburg, Sherman, Linder, Nazarian, Yousem

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

PASSED, Approved and Adopted

This ______ day of _______, 2010

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Yousem, Chairperson