



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
Room 280A  
455 North Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
October 21, 2021  
9:00 a.m.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: October 21, 2021 / 9:00 a.m.

Chair Blumenfeld read the Civility Statement.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Nisim, Margo, Freeman, Vice Chair Sharp, Chair Blumenfeld  
Commissioners Absent: None  
Staff Present: Jenny Rogers, Rachel L. Evans, Enisha Clark, 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**

With the concurrence of the Commission, the Chair may choose to amend the order of the items on the agenda. Chair Blumenfeld reassigned Tab #2, Great ShakeOut Drill, close to 10:21 a.m. and will present Tab #3 after Reports from Priority Agencies.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 23, 2021

MOTION by Margo, SECONDED by Nisim to approve the Meeting Minutes with as presented. (5/0)

AYES: Nisim, Margo, Freeman, Vice Chair Sharp, Chair Blumenfeld  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
CARRIED

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## **REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES**

Beverly Hills Police Department

Captain Max Subin updated the Commission on the following:

- A new Chief of Police has been selected and will be starting with the City of Beverly Hills early December 2021.
- Due to the recent crimes on Canon, Rodeo and Beverly Boulevards, foot patrol officers have been increased with patrol cars close by.
- Lieutenant Giovanni Trejo was introduced as the Commission's new Police Department Commission representative.
- The Commission and staff congratulated Captain Subin on his new assignment and his support of the Commission the past years.

Beverly Hills Unified School District

Staff from the School District was not available to present.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **2. Great ShakeOut Drill**

On October 21, 2021 at 10:21 a.m., the City of Beverly Hills joined the State of California, County and City of Los Angeles, and many other stakeholders, including the Beverly Hills Unified School District, in participating in the Great California ShakeOut drill. All participants will stop what they are doing and react as if an earthquake has occurred; responding by dropping to the ground, taking cover under something sturdy, and holding on: DROP, COVER and HOLD.

- The Commission participated in the State of California's great ShakeOut Drill.

### **3. FY 21-22 CAGF: Beverly Hills Active Adult Club Update**

Matthew Brown, Interim Recreation Services Manager, provided an overview and an update on the Beverly Hills Active Adult Club (BHAAC).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **4. A Resolution of the Human Relations Commission of City of Beverly Hills Authorizing Public Meetings to be Held Via Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and Making Findings and Determinations Regarding the Same**

- New legislation (AB 361) was recently adopted allowing the Human Relations Commission to continue virtual meetings during the COVID-19 declared emergency subject to certain conditions and the proposed resolution implements the necessary requirements
- Jenny Rogers, Director of Community Services, explained to the Commission the new legislation, AB 361, that is being adopted so Commissions may continue to teleconference.

MOTION by Blumenfeld, SECONDED by Nisim that we approve the Resolution of the Human Relations Commission of the City of Beverly Hills authorizing Public Meetings to be held via Teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and making findings and determinations regarding the same. (5/0)

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AYES: Nisim, Margo, Freeman, Vice Chair Sharp, Chair Blumenfeld  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ADOPTED:

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

### **5. Beverly Hills Homeless Initiative**

Enisha Clark, Interim Clinical Program Coordinator, provided an update on Councilmember Koretz's filing of a Resolution banning camping, which includes the Los Angeles Burton Way median strip.

- Residents and non-residents can file a public comment with the City of Los Angeles. November 3, 2021 is the last day to act on this item.
- The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) will be holding the annual Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count on January 25-27, 2022. The Count in Service Planning Area (SPA) 5, which includes Beverly Hills, will be held on the evening of Wednesday, January 26, 2022.

### **6. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Awareness Initiative**

Enisha Clark, Interim Clinical Program Coordinator, reviewed with the Commission their charge to promote a more inclusive and safe community for all.

- At the September 2021 meeting, Commissioner Freeman proposed developing a quarterly speaker series that focuses on diversity, equity and inclusion. Chair Blumenfeld appointed Commissioner Freeman and himself to an ad hoc committee to explore this idea further.
- Commissioner Freeman updated the Commission on this ad hoc that met October 12, 2021 to discuss a quarterly speaker selection and topics in addition to Community involvement.

### **7. Inter-Commission Collaboration: Embrace & Celebrate Culture Initiative**

Rachel Evans, Interim Human Services Administrator, updated the Commission on the Beyond 2020 event, which has become Beyond 2021.

- This event will be a collaboration with United Talent Agency (UTA) to activate the windows in the former Barney's store space. The activation will take place from Thanksgiving week through the end of December 2021.
- Jenny Rogers, Director of Community Services, informed the Commission that UTA has a curator on board for the proposed art selection.

### **8. Embrace Civility Award**

The Embrace Civility Award, established in 2012, recognizes individuals or groups in the community that exemplify any or all of the following:

- Acts as a role model of positive behavior
- Takes a stand in support of respect and responsible actions
- Promotes positive neighbor to neighbor relations

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Rachel Evans, Interim Human Services Administrator, reminded the Commission of the public recognition of the honoree will occur at the October 26, 2021 7pm Formal City Council meeting. The honoree will receive a proclamation, a personalized nameplate on the Embrace Civility Plaque and offered the opportunity to share their perspective on how to embrace civility.

**9. Civility Month**

In 2017, the Commission declared October as Civility Month in Beverly Hills to further the civility initiative in the City. To commemorate the month, banners and posters have been displayed throughout the City. Commissioners, Rangers and Ambassadors have distributed Embrace Civility pins to members of the community demonstrating civility.

- Enisha Clark, Interim Clinical Program Coordinator, displayed photos of banners that were hung in the Beverly Hills Public Library and City parks in addition to posters displayed in City Hall and parking lots.
- Civility was also promoted as “challenges”, to engage the Community, via the City’s social media accounts.

**10. Kindness Recognition**

During the July 2021 Meeting, Commissioners voted to reinstate the Kindness tab to allow the opportunity to share acts of kindness that have occurred within the City of Beverly Hills. Commissioners are not required to speak unless they are compelled to share.

- Commissioner Sharp acknowledged Paramedics Nathan Foster and Derek Guapo for their kindness and concern.

**STATUS REPORTS**

**11. Beverly Hills Ambassador Program**

Johnthon Hunter, Beverly Hills Ambassadors Operations Manager, reviewed the latest statistics with the Commission and informed the Commission that the Ambassadors will have Canon Drive, Dayton and Clifton Way detail.

- Panhandling has gone down since previous months.
- More outreach calls have been received by the Beverly Hills Homeless Outreach Team, who in return, have been able to make more referrals.
- Chair Blumenfeld commented on the great work the Ambassadors provide in addition to their quick response time. To call or text the Ambassadors with any concerns: 424-302-1487

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

**12. Chair Report**

- a) Mayor’s Cabinet Meeting
  - Reviewed
- b) Review Commission Meeting dates
  - Reviewed
- c) Good and Welfare
  - Chair Blumenfeld welcomed future Commissioner Rose Kaiserman

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### COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

#### 13. Administrator's Report

Rachel Evans, Interim Human Services Administrator, provided the following information to the Commission:

- The Mayor's initiative, Wellness Wednesdays, continues with healthy programming.
- The Beverly Hills Fall Art Show was held the weekend of October 16 - 17, 2021. This event was outside at Beverly Gardens Parks.
- The Beverly Hills Public Library continues their virtual author talk on October 26, 2021 on *Overcoming Dyslexia*.

#### 14. Overview of Current and Pending Agenda Items

- Reviewed

### ADJOURNMENT

October 21, 2021 at 10:22 a.m.

Passed and Approved this 18th day of November, 2021



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Ori Blumenfeld, Chair