



## **CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**

Room 280A  
455 North Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

### **HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

March 17, 2022  
9:00 a.m.

#### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: March 17, 2022 / 9:00 a.m.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Recording Secretary Linda Kyriazi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Kaiserman read the Human Relations Commission's Civility Statement.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Kaiserman, Nisim, Margo, Vice Chair Freeman, Chair Sharp

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 Sharp moved Tab #10 up to follow Tab #2 to accommodate the presenter.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2022.

MOTION by Nisim, SECONDED by Freeman to approve the Meeting Minutes with noted correction. (5/0)

AYES: Kaiserman, Nisim, Margo, Vice Chair Freeman, Chair Sharp

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

## **REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES**

### **Beverly Hills Police Department**

Lieutenant Giovanni Trejo updated the Commission on the following:

- During the month of February 2022, 234 calls were received for transients situations such as for trespassing, disturbing the peace and indecent exposure.
- Significant progress has been made in the robbery from February 25, 2022 that occurred on South Beverly Drive.
- Guac With A Cop that was held on February 25, 2022 at Cantina Frida was a tremendous success with one of the highest turnouts.
- Coffee With A Cop that was held on March 12, 2022 at Philz Coffee which also had a similar successful turnout.
- The department is engaged in an aggressive recruitment campaign. Sixteen new candidates are currently being processed.
- A DUI checkpoint is scheduled for tonight, March 17, 2022.
- The Los Angeles Marathon will be passing through Beverly Hills on Sunday, March 20, 2022. Route and road closure maps have been distributed.

### **Beverly Hills Unified School District**

A representative from the School District was unable to attend.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **2. 2020 Hate Crime Report**

Marshall Wong, from the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission, presented the agency's 2020 Hate Crime Report.

- There has been a 20% increase in the occurrences of reported hate crimes committed in Los Angeles County, evidenced by 635 hate crimes reported in 2020. However, for the past seven years, hate crimes have been trending upwards, and since 2013 there has been a 65% rise. The Human Relations Commission remains committed to promoting positive human relations in all aspects of community life and should be keenly aware of key findings of the 2020 Los Angeles County Hate Crimes Report.
- It should be noted that hate crimes are typically underreported and this report likely represents only a portion of hate crimes actually committed in 2020. The full report is available at <https://hrc.lacounty.gov/>.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

### **3. Beverly Hills Unified School District Engagement Project**

Staff has been in contact with the Beverly Hills Unified School District members who will be attending the April 2022 Commission Meeting to discuss their possible contributions.

### **4. FY 2022-23 Community Assistance Grant Fund (CAGF)**

Rachel Evans, Human Services Administrator, updated the Commission on the 2022 – 2023 Community Assistance Grant Fund (CAGF):

- Next week staff meets with the Human Relations Commission's ad hoc to start reviewing the applications for content and the narrative piece.
- Simultaneously, the Charitable Solicitations Commission's ad hoc will review all of the financial documents and any charitable solicitations permits.
- The two ad hocs will meet together to create a joint report to be present to the City Council liaisons.

**5. 2022 Kindness Week**

Enisha Clark, Interim Clinical Program Coordinator, reviewed with the Commission the highlights of the Commission's successful Kindness Week events that were scheduled during the week of February 13, 2022 through February 19, 2022.

**6. Beverly Hills Homeless Initiative**

Enisha Clark, Interim Clinical Program Coordinator, reviewed with the Commission the outreach teams that are available for the community and how to contact them if needed:

- Any location in the City: Beverly Hills Outreach Team (BHOT), 310-487-0313
- Business Triangle & South Beverly Drive, Ambassadors: 424-302-1487
- City Parks, Park Rangers & BHOT: 310-285-1091 / 310-487-0313 (BHOT)
- Outside of City Limits: 2-1-1
- Beverly Hills Police Department Non-Emergency: 310-550-4951
- A reminder that the outreach teams are not first responders. Please dial 911 in the event of an emergency for immediate assistance.
- Human Services Division staff can be reached at: 310-285-1006.
- The City's outreach team has information, clothing and sundries they provide to the individuals they encounter.
- Commissioner Margo suggested gathering additional sundries that can be provided to the outreach team for distribution. Jenny Rogers, Community Services Director, thanked Commissioner Margo for her suggestion.
- It was agreed to create a smaller resource card, possibly a tri-fold, with these local services and ordinances. Staff to return with a mock-up and suggested name.
- Staff completed the City's Homeless Count for 2022 working with The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) on February 24, 2022 at 4am. As a COVID precaution, the count was conducted by the Police, Rangers, Ambassadors and homeless outreach staff.

**7. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Awareness Initiative**

Under the auspice of the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) Initiative, the Human Relations Commission agreed to explore a quarterly speaker series entitled, *Critical Conversations*. In partnership with the Beverly Hills Library, the first potential speaker would be Frederick Joseph bestselling author of *The Black Friend*.

- No further updates at this time.
- Chair Sharp recommended Marshall Wong, from the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission, be considered as a speaker. The Ad Hoc will reach out to Mr. Wong.

**8. Inter-Commission Collaboration: Embrace & Celebrate Culture**

At this time, there are not any projects to report on this month. However, collaborators from the Human Relations and Arts & Culture Commissions and Next Beverly Hills met to discuss possible alternative exhibition spaces now that City-owned spaces utilized for these art activations have been officially leased.

**9. Kindness Recognition**

- Commissioner Margo recognized Karla Sonnier, who is one of the Fire Department's nurse practitioners.
- Chair Sharp recognized Rachel Evans, the City's Human Services Administrator.

**STATUS REPORTS**

**10. Beverly Hills Ambassador Program**

Johnthon Hunter, Beverly Hills Ambassadors Operations Manager, reviewed the latest statistics with the Commission:

- There has been a decrease during the month of February 2022 with transients around the City's triangle area; some due to successes the team has had in the realm of outreach.
- Along with the collaborate efforts of the police department and the outreach team, a number of their regulars have been connected with services.
- In February 2022, the team referred five individuals with City services as well as provided outreach information 192 times.
- February 2022 camping decreased by 43% but panhandling has almost doubled. This statistic shows individuals arriving for panhandling purposes at the open air dining locations throughout the triangle. The major panhandlers are leaving the triangle area and not sleeping in the City's parking structures. Seeing this trend, the team is focusing on the dining establishments so the activity doesn't progress.
- Hospitality Assistance statistics demonstrated assistance to the tour buses on Beverly Drive increased by 33%. The Ambassadors make contact with these individuals for assistance or directions to businesses throughout the triangle.
- The tobacco statistic has decreased by 24%. This statistic is from the Ambassadors making contact with people smoking throughout the triangle.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

**11. Chair Report**

- a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
  - Reviewed
- b) Review Commission Meeting dates
  - Reviewed
- c) Ad Hoc Committee Assignments
  - Reviewed
- d) Good and Welfare. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities
  - Chair Sharp informed Johnthon Hunter, Beverly Hills Ambassadors Operations Manager, how helpful a number of Ambassadors were to the Commission during their Kindness event at Beverly Canon Gardens last month.
  - Vice Chair Freeman requested Christopher Paulson, Recreation Services Manager, attend a future meeting for an update on the responsibilities of the City's Park Rangers.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

### 12. Administrator's Report

- Mayor Wunderlich's Wellness Wednesdays Initiative will conclude with one final event on Wednesday, March 30, 2022.
- AARP Tax Aid Program at Roxbury Park Community Center.
- Spring Class and Summer Camp Registration opens March 14, 2022 (residents) and March 21, 2022 (non-residents).
- Beverly Hills Public Library expanding hours beginning March 14, 2022.
- Mayor's Installation, Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 7pm at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts.
- Earth Day Celebration at the Farmers' Market, Sunday, April 24, 2022.
- Earth Day Free Shredding Event, Sunday, April 24, 2022.

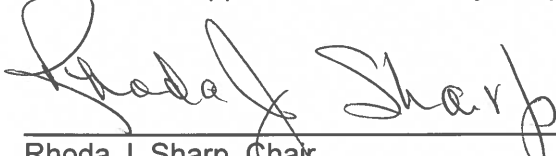
### 13. Overview of Current and Pending Agenda Items

- Reviewed

## ADJOURNMENT

March 17, 2022 at 10:59 a.m.

Passed and Approved this 21st day of April, 2022

  
Rhoda J. Sharp, Chair