



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

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

May 19, 2022  
9:00 a.m.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: May 19, 2022 / 9:00 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Sharp led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

Commissioners Absent: Margo

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.

Recording Secretary read a public comment from Rochelle Ginsburg.

**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 approved the agenda as presented.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 21, 2022.

MOTION by Kaiserman, SECONDED by Freeman to approve the Meeting Minutes as presented. (3/0)

AYES: Kaiserman, Vice Chair Freeman, Chair Sharp

NOES: None

ABSENT: Margo

ABSTAIN: Nisim

CARRIED

2. Resolution of the Human Relations Commission of the City of Beverly Hills Continuing to Authorize Public Meetings to be Held Via Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and Making Findings and Determinations Regarding the Same.  
Recent legislation was 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.  
Tabled.

## **REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES**

### **Beverly Hills Police Department**

Lieutenant Giovanni Trejo updated the Commission on the following:

- The victims of an attack on South Beverly Drive suffered minor injuries. With officers arriving quickly on the scene, a suspect was apprehended. Patrols in the area have been increased which include aerial coverage by drones.
- There was a theft on the 400 block of N. Beverly Drive. A police officer was able to tackle the suspect who was actively running at the time.
- Criminals within the City of Beverly Hills will be arrested and booked. The crime rate has been lower due to more police patrols on duty.
- June 7, 2022, Breakfast with a Badge, will be held Wednesday, June 7, 2022 from 8am to 9:30am at Mickey Fine Pharmacy & Grill, 435 N. Roxbury Drive.
- The Department prepares to launch their mental health evaluation team (MET) program. This program does not remove police officers from mental emergencies. The MET team will be the front line responders.
- The Department also launched their new Special Alert Registry. The Special Alert Registry is a free, secure safety tool designed to help Beverly Hills Police Department officers during contacts with community members with disabilities such as, but not limited to; autism, schizophrenia, dementia, deafness or any other mental/ developmental disabilities. The Registry is intended for residents of Beverly Hills who may find their communication abilities challenged or ineffective when interacting with public safety personnel.

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

Beverly Hills Board of Education member, Dr. Amanda Stern, provided an update on the following:

- Seniors have been receiving notifications of their acceptance into various universities as graduation ceremonies are coming up.
- Legacy Grandparents permits are being extended.
- A teachers vs. seniors dodgeball event was organized in addition to a talent show at the high school.
- The High School prom was safe and successful.
- At Horace Mann School, the first grade went on a field trip to the Gentle Barn. The Gentle Barn's mission is to provide sanctuary for abused animals who would not otherwise be able to find homes.

Chair Sharp welcomed City Councilmember John A. Mirisch.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

3. City of Beverly Hills - Organic Recycling Program

James Burnley, Solid Waste Manager, Public Works Department

- James Burnley, Solid Waste Manager from Public Works, updated the Commission on the City's new Organic waste Management Program.
- The Commissioners were provided with food scrap pails for use in their home to take out to their yard waste container.
- These containers are available to all Beverly Hills residents who have yard waste containers. They can be picked up at the Public Works facility. Their telephone number is: 310-285-2467.

Chair Sharp acknowledged Howard Fisher.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

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

Rachel Evans, Human Services Administrator, informed the Commission that after last month's discussion with Dr. Michael Bregy, Superintendent of BHUSD, Hawthorne Elementary School Principal Sarah Kaber and Horace Mann Principal Craig Bugbee, staff would like to bring this project to the City Council Liaisons.

- Staff has requested that George Nicholas provide a proposal and budget for a scheduled liaison meeting.

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

Rachel Evans, Human Services Administrator, informed the Commission that the next step in this 2022-2033 process is to meet with their City Council liaisons to present the Commissioner's recommendations. The liaison meeting has been scheduled for May 25, 2022 at 3:00pm.

MOTION by Sharp, SECONDED by Freeman move to not recommend Community Assistance Grant Funding for Jewish Free Loan Association. (4/0)

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Margo

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED:

### **6. Beverly Hills Homeless Initiative**

Enisha Clark, Interim Clinical Program Coordinator, provided an update:

- Chief Stainbrook has been proactive in strengthening relationships with the Community Services Division.
- To improve coordinated homeless outreach efforts across City departments, the Beverly Hills Police and Community Services have partnered to bring a comprehensive Homeless Services Collaboration Briefings during the morning and evening police rollcall meetings. Representatives from Beverly Hills Outreach Team, Park Rangers, Ambassadors, and Human Services all made this a successful endeavor.

- A reminder if anyone in the Community needs outreach services to contact the Beverly Hills Outreach Team (BHOT) at 310-487-0313.
- For the City of Los Angeles, call 211 or the 311 app to report homeless encampments in needs of services. Their website is [www.la-hop.org](http://www.la-hop.org) to make a report.

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

Enisha Clark, Interim Clinical Program Coordinator, along with Vice Chair Freeman, informed the Commission that the ad hoc will meet to secure the date of the first speaker.

- In May, the Commissioners attended the Legislative Lobby Committee in support of funding AB1126, The Commission on the State of Hate. This item will be taken to the City Council.
- Commissioner Nisim thanked the Commission for working with City Council on the letter to Governor Newsom urging him to fully fund the California Commission on The State of Hate.

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

Jenny Rogers, Director of Community Services, introduced Ben Johnson, Recreation Services Manager, who provided an update on Pride Month programming.

**9. Kindness Recognition**

The Kindness agenda item allows Commissioners the opportunity to highlight Acts of Kindness.

- Chair Sharp acknowledged the kindness of artist Susan Veerman and how her kindness is appreciated by everyone who knows her.

**STATUS REPORTS**

**10. Beverly Hills Ambassador Program**

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

- With pedestrian traffic increasing at this time, the team has been given outreach techniques as their Campaign for Hospitality.
- Camping has increased by 50% during the last month. Staff has noticed some regulars have returned to the City's structures.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

**11. Chair Report**

a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting

- Reviewed

b) Review Commission Meeting dates

- Reviewed

c) Good and Welfare. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities

- Commissioner Nisim revisited Commissioner Margo's suggested of an All City Charity Day which would collections of multiple items and requested it being added to the June agenda.

- Rachel Evans, Human Services Administrator, informed the Commission that the item will be added to October's Civility Month which will be on the June agenda.
- Vice Chair Freeman informed the Commission that since May is Mental Health Awareness Month the Commission should work with other Commissioners or Committees to promote workplace wellness and requested agendized.

MOTION by Freeman, SECONDED by Nisim move to agendize a Mental Health Awareness discussion. (3/1)

AYES: Kaiserman, Nisim, Vice Chair Freeman  
NOES: Chair Sharp  
ABSENT: Margo  
ABSTAIN: None  
PASSED:

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

### 12. Administrator's Report

- All Commissioner Training, May 16, 2022
- Business with Bosse
  - a. Thursday, May 19, 2022, 9-10:30am at Chaumont Bakery and Chaumont Vegan
  - b. Monday, May 23, 2022, 12pm – 1pm, at Alfred's Coffee
  - c. Thursday, June 9, 2022, 3-4:30pm, Flour Shop
- Beverly Hills Art Show – May 21-22, 2022
- Public Works Day at the Farmers' Market – Sunday, May 22, 9am-12pm
- Make Music Day – June 21, 2022
- Live with Lili – Thursday, June 23, 2022 – 7pm - 8:30pm – Beverly Hills City Hall


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

- Reviewed

## ADJOURNMENT

May 19, 2022 at 11:15 a.m.

Passed and Approved this 16th day of June, 2022



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Noelle Freeman, Vice Chair