



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

In-Person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

July 21, 2022
9:00 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: July 21, 2022 / 9:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Margo 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

Commissioners Absent: Chair Sharp

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.

Debby Dunn, Water Conservation Admin from Public Works, update the Commission on the continued drought.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

With the concurrence of the Commission, the Chair may choose to amend the order of the items on the agenda. Chair requested moving Tab #10 to Tab #3 in addition to moving Tab #8 to Tab #4 to accommodate guests and staff's schedules.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 16, 2022.

MOTION by Kaiserman, SECONDED by Nisim to approve the Meeting Minutes as presented. (4/0)

AYES: Kaiserman, Nisim, Margo, Vice Chair Freeman

NOES: None

ABSENT: Chair Sharp

ABSTAIN: None

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:

- Provided scenarios on the success of The Real Time Watch Center, a new hub to coordinate the City's many surveillance tools, officially launched June 7, 2022.
- June 28, 2022, 8:30am – 10:30am, Coffee with First Responders, a joint event with both the Police & Fire Departments, will be held at Starbucks, 9049 W. Olympic Boulevard.
- August 2, 2022, National Night Out from 6pm – 9pm, on Rexford in front of the Beverly Hills Library and Fire Station.

Beverly Hills Unified School District

No one from the District was able to attend.

PRESENTATIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

3. Civility Month

Rachel Evans, Human Services Administrator, advised the Commission of the ad hoc meeting which included Commissioner Margo and Kaiserman.

- Commissioner Kaiserman informed the Commission of the selected date of October 23, 2022 for the Commission's Civility Month Day of Giving Charity Drive where community members can drop off items to shelters or selected organizations.
- Areas of Roxbury Community Center are being discussed.
- Commissioner Margo added that this project will be partnering with the Beverly Hills Unified School District for donations to the Los Angeles County dog and cat shelter. One of their requested items is towels
- Jenny Rogers, Director of Community Services, advised the Commission to reach out to Roxbury staff as they recently had a similar event held there.

4. Embrace Civility Award

Vice Chair Freeman updated the Commission that the Embrace Civility Award for 2022 was announced at the July 11, 2022 Mayor's Cabinet Meeting.

- The 2022 Nomination pdf form is on the City's website to either printout or submit at:
www.beverlyhills.org/embracecivilityaward

- Hard copies are additionally available.
- Nominations should include details of how this individual or group exemplifies one or more of the following three criteria: Acts as a role model of positive behavior, takes a stand in support of respect and responsible actions; or promotes positive neighbor to neighbor relations.
- Deadline for submission is August 15, 2022

5. Mental Health Awareness

Vice Chair Freeman informed the Commission of Mayor Bosse's well attended first Mental Wellness Series speaker, Dr Edith Eger, which was held on July 15, 2022.

- Rachel Evans, Human Services Administrator, reminded the public of the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline number, that was launched on July 16, 2022: if you or someone you know needs support now, call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org

6. Beverly Hills Unified School District Engagement Project
Tabled

7. Beverly Hills Homeless Initiative

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

- On July 5, 2022, the Beverly Hills Park Rangers launched their pilot overnight homeless outreach shift. Initially, the overnight shift will occur two nights per week on Tuesday and Wednesday nights from 9pm to 5am. The overnight team will cover Beverly Gardens Park, Will Rogers Park, La Cienega Park and Roxbury Park. The overnight Park Ranger team will be dually focused on engaging with unhoused individuals to provide referrals to the Beverly Hills Outreach Team (BHOT), while also advising on the park hours and rules.
- The contact numbers and hours for homeless services referrals to BHOT and the Ambassadors, were reviewed. Call 911 for any emergency.
- Vice Chair Freeman requested suggestions for a PSA highlighting all of the resources the Human Services Division has for outreach. The Commission will hand-off the project to Beverly Hills Cable Television. Additionally, Commission recommended to include outreach hours on updated printed materials.

8. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Awareness Initiative

Vice Chair Freeman reminded the Commission of the upcoming first program of the Critical Conversations Program scheduled on August 24, 2022, featuring Donzaleigh Abernathy which will be held in City Hall from 7pm – 8pm.

9. Kindness Recognition

Vice Chair Freeman recognized Chair Sharp for her Kindness as she always recognized people for their Kind Acts as she initiated this Kindness Tab. She is a kind beacon to the Commission.

STATUS REPORTS

10. Beverly Hills Ambassador Program

Johnthon Hunter, Beverly Hills Ambassadors Operations Manager

- The Commission, along with Johnthon Hunter, presented Ambassador Latasha Jenkins with the Commission's Above and Beyond award for her outstanding services to the City.
- The month of June showed an increase of tourism, both group and buses. The team actively provides the visitors with hospitality and assistance with directions. An Ambassador is stationed in Beverly Canon Gardens for this purpose as there is a bus hub that drops off there.

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
 - Commission Margo reminded everyone about the August 25, 2022 Concerts on Canon musical event, Wimoweh! A musical journey honoring the legacy of The Tokens, which will include both her husband and son.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

12. Administrator's Report

Rachel Evans, Human Services Administrator, updated the Commission on the following City events:

- City Council and City Treasurer Installation
- Beverly Hills Public Library
- Business with Bosse
- Live with Lili
- Concerts on Canon
- National Night Out
 - Community Services has a booth and staff requested Commissioners to either drop by or schedule time to be in the Human Services area to hand out flyers for Critical Conversations, Embrace Civility Award nomination forms and talk to the public.
- Picklefest at the Farmers' Market
 - Commissioner Margo agreed to assist the Recreation and Parks Commission by volunteering to be a judge at their Farmers' Market event.
- Jenny Rogers, Director of Community Services, updated the Commission on staff's presence at future Commission Meetings due to succession planning.

13. Overview of Current and Pending Agenda Items

- Reviewed

ADJOURNMENT

July 21, 2022 at 9:48 a.m.

Passed and Approved this 15th day of September, 2022

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Noelle Freeman', is written above a horizontal line.

Noelle Freeman, Vice Chair